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THREE STATES WILL CLASH IN CUP!

A knockout cup competition between the top teams from Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, will be played at the end of the season.

The three states agreed on the series at a meeting in Melbourne last Saturday.

State reprsentatives at the meeting were **Peter McCann, Aulden Brown** and **Tony Polumbo** of NSW, **Adrian Deckers** of South Australia and **Tony Kovacs, Theo Marmaras, Sam Papasavas** and **George Wallace** of Victoria.

The cup competition will be contested by the top three teams from NSW, the top three from Victoria and the top two from South Australia.

A further meeting will take place to determine the format of the series.

This interstate competition will be the first since 1972, when the top four from Melbourne and the top four from Sydney competed home and away, with Marconi winning the final.

The series will serve as a valuable pointer to the success or otherwise of the national league scheduled to start in March next year.

To ensure the success of the end of the season series, the three States are seeking sponsors to help offset the cost of air fares.

At the meeting in Melbourne, Victoria and South Australia also agreed to resume matches between their State teams.

Victoria is expected to meet South Australia in Adelaide on Anzac Day, Sunday, April 26. The Victorian Government has ruled that no sport is permitted in Melbourne on that day.

A return match between the two States will be played in Melbourne later in the year.

Officials agreed at the meeting to co-operate with each other as much as possible in regard to tours and to ensure that tours organised by States do not clash.

The States also agreed to meet more regularly to discuss mutual problems.

German star on offer

A top-class player who was a member of the 1972 West German Olympic squad is keen to join a Melbourne club.

He is Uli Pfisterer, 24, who can play in attack midfield or defence.

Pfisterer turned down a rich offer from national league club Bochum while he was studying to be a physical education instructor. He also holds the German coaching certificate.

Pfisterer met an Australian girl who was holidaying in Germany and wants to join her here.

Clubs interested should contact "Soccer Action."

Sexy Kokki switches clubs and cuts down on girls

Colorful forward Ulysses Kokkinos (pictured) who had a stint with Hakoah Sydney last year, has switched from South Melbourne Hellas to Juventus for about $4500.

And the playboy who is on record as saying that sex before a match improves his performance, is considering marriage!

See story page 3.

Our tips for Saturday

1	BIRMINGHAM	LIVERPOOL	X
2	BURNLEY	MAN. CITY	1
3	COVENTRY	ARSENAL	1
4	DERBY	NORWICH	1
5	EVERTON	Q.P.R.	X
6	IPSWICH	STOKE	1
7	MAN. UTD.	LEEDS	1
8	MIDDLESBRO'	LEICESTER	2
9	NEWCASTLE	WEST HAM	1
10	SHEFF. UTD.	WOLVES	1
11	TOTTENHAM	ASTON VILLA	X
12	BOLTON	PLYMOUTH	X
13	BRISTOL R.	HULL	1
14	CHELSEA	SOUTH'PTON	1
15	LUTON	CARLISLE	1
16	NOTT'M FOR.	FULHAM	2
17	ORIENT	SUNDERLAND	X
18	OXFORD UTD.	NOTTS. C.	1
19	PORTSMOUTH	BLACKPOOL	2
10	WEST BROM.	BLACKBURN	X
21	YORK	OLDHAM	2
22	ALDERSHOT	CHESTER	1
23	CARDIFF	ROTHERHAM	1
24	GRIMSBY	CRYSTAL P.	X
25	HALIFAX	SWINDON	1
26	MILLWALL	SHEFF. WED.	X
27	PETERBORO'	MANSFIELD	2
28	PORT VALE	GILLINGHAM	X
29	PRESTON	BRIGHTON	1
30	SHREWSBURY	CHESTF'LD	1
31	SOUTHEND	BURY	X
32	WALSALL	COLCHESTER	1
33	WREXHAM	HEREFORD	1
34	BARNSLEY	NEWPORT	2
35	BOURNEM'TH	SOUTHPORT	X
36	BRADFORD C.	READING	2
37	BRENTFORD	LINCOLN	2
38	CREWE	CAMB'DGE UTD.	1
39	DONCASTER	STOCKPORT	1
40	EXETER	DARLINGTON	X
41	HUDDERSF'LD	SWANSEA	X
42	WORK'GTON	WATFORD	X
43	ABERDEEN	DUNDEE	1
44	AYR UTD.	MOTH'WELL	2
45	CELTIC	RANGERS	X
46	DUNDEE UTD.	ST. JOHNS'NE	X
47	HEARTS	HIBERNIAN	2
48	ARBROATH	DUMBARTON	1
49	DUNF'MLINE	COWDENB'TH	1
50	FALKIRK	BERWICK	X
51	HAMILTON	QUEEN'S PK.	X
52	KILMARNOCK	ALLOA	1
53	MORTON	MONTROSE	1
54	PARTICK	MEADOWB'K	2
55	Q. OF SOUTH	CLYDE	X

Preston Makedonia's $7000 goalkeeper Peter Laumets holds a shot under pressure from Jim Armstrong (obscured) with Makedonia's left back Albert Harrison (left) looking on. Hellas won the Ampol Cup match 3-1. See story page 6.

APIA seeks $250,000 sponsorship

Sydney club Apia-Leichhardt seems likely to be heavily financed by a large cigarette company.

Club officials and representatives from the firm were this week negotiating a $250,000 sponsorship deal for the next five years.

The club claims it has other intending sponsors lined up if the cigarette company decides to not go ahead with the scheme.

Apia secretary **Frank Sbisa** said, "The company concerned is giving the matter serious consideration and I expect a reply soon.

"I cannot name the company, but it is one of the biggest in Australia and internationally — and it won't be able to advertise on TV next year.

"I believe Apia has a lot to offer a sponsor. We are THE team to a huge ethnic community. The Apia Club has 13,000 members."

The Apia club deserves full marks for enterprise — being the first soccer organisation to take a lead

A hitch in Francis Lee visit

A hitch has developed in Marconi Fairfield's plan to bring English star Francis Lee to Australia.

Lee is due to play guest games with Marconi in June.

However, it turns out that Marconi does not have a home match from May 9 to June 20.

Marconi tried to solve the problem by asking opponents to "swap" home games, but met with no success.

Marconi may be forced to

Players of the week

Polonia player-coach Eugene Lerch and Alexander striker Gary Cole are our Players of the Week.

Each gets a dinner for two at the North Steak House, 355 North Road, South Caulfield (58 6150).

Cole, who was magnificent against his old club, Ringwood Wilhelmina, is the first player to win the prize for the second time.

ITALIAN SIDES BANKING UP!

First there was Bologna, then Catanzaro, and now there is a third Italian team that may play in Melbourne in June.

Bologna's tour was in jeopardy early this week because the NSW Federation had not undertaken to accept a match against the Italians.

Then NSW met and decided to take a game in Sydney, on June 20, for a match fee of $US15,000 plus expenses.

$$$ THE POOLS $$$

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE:

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QPR	34	13	4	0	33	10	4	7	6	18	16	45
Liverpool	33	10	5	2	32	18	5	8	3	17	9	43
Man. Utd	32	12	4	0	30	9	5	5	6	21	20	43
Derby Cnty	33	13	1	2	34	21	4	8	5	19	21	43
Leeds Utd	31	10	2	4	29	15	6	5	4	19	17	39
Middlesbro	33	7	7	2	18	7	6	3	8	19	22	36
Man City	31	11	5	1	36	9	2	4	8	15	19	35
Ipswich	31	7	5	3	23	15	3	8	5	14	17	33
Stoke	31	7	4	5	24	20	6	3	6	16	17	33
Everton	32	7	6	2	29	17	4	5	8	19	37	33
Leicester	33	7	7	3	23	20	2	8	6	12	22	33
West Ham	33	10	3	4	24	20	3	4	9	17	30	33
Norwich	31	8	4	4	27	19	3	4	8	20	28	30
Aston Villa	33	9	6	2	29	16	0	6	10	10	29	30
Tottenham	33	3	9	4	19	26	5	5	7	24	27	30
Coventry	33	5	6	5	16	16	5	4	8	19	29	30
Newcastle	30	8	4	2	37	14	3	3	10	16	29	29
Arsenal	32	9	3	4	24	13	2	4	10	11	25	29
Birmingham	32	8	4	4	26	21	2	1	13	18	38	25
Burnley	34	5	5	6	20	20	2	4	12	18	36	23
Wolves	32	5	5	6	18	19	2	3	11	16	34	22
Sheffld Utd	33	2	6	8	12	23	0	3	14	10	41	13

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol City	32	10	5	2	30	10	6	5	4	19	16	42
Bolton	31	9	3	2	26	9	7	6	4	23	20	41
Sunderland	30	14	1	0	36	8	3	4	8	11	21	39
Notts Cnty	32	9	4	3	26	11	7	3	6	20	20	39
WBA	31	6	7	1	17	8	8	3	6	18	19	38
Southampton	31	14	1	1	39	11	2	4	9	15	26	37
Luton	33	10	4	2	27	12	5	3	9	18	27	37
Oldham	33	10	6	1	29	18	2	4	10	19	33	34
Chelsea	33	7	5	4	22	5	5	4	8	22	27	33
Bristol R.	32	6	7	3	17	12	4	6	6	14	22	33
Nottm For	32	7	1	7	22	17	4	9	4	19	17	32
Charlton	31	9	2	4	32	24	4	4	8	14	29	32
Fulham	32	7	5	4	23	12	4	4	8	17	25	31
Blackpool	32	6	8	3	21	20	4	3	8	10	17	31
Carlisle	33	7	7	3	23	19	3	4	9	14	27	31
Orient	31	8	4	4	16	9	2	6	7	11	20	30
Plymouth	34	11	3	4	32	18	0	5	11	11	29	30
Hull	33	8	3	6	22	16	4	3	9	13	23	30
Blackburn	32	4	6	7	17	21	3	6	6	13	19	26
Oxford	33	3	7	6	17	21	3	4	10	13	26	23
Portsmouth	33	2	5	9	9	18	5	1	11	15	29	20
York	32	5	1	10	18	28	1	4	11	8	29	17

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	32	9	4	2	27	16	10	3	4	32	21	45
Brighton	34	15	0	2	45	9	4	3	10	15	29	41
Crystal Pal	33	5	7	3	24	16	9	4	5	25	20	39
Shrewsbury	32	11	1	4	27	17	5	6	5	17	18	39
Cardiff	33	11	4	2	32	11	4	4	8	22	30	38
Walsall	35	10	5	3	36	17	4	4	9	20	29	37
Wrexham	34	11	4	2	29	12	3	5	9	16	25	37
Peterboro	32	10	4	2	30	14	3	7	6	21	31	37
Port Vale	34	9	6	2	24	13	4	4	9	17	22	36
Millwall	33	11	5	1	27	13	1	6	9	13	27	35
Bury	32	7	6	2	21	8	3	7	7	18	24	33
Preston	32	10	2	4	30	20	3	4	9	12	24	32
Gillingham	33	7	8	2	27	18	2	6	8	13	29	32
Chester	32	10	5	2	26	12	2	3	10	7	28	32
Grimsby	33	11	5	0	30	12	1	2	14	14	40	31
Rotherham	33	9	3	5	27	17	3	3	10	13	32	30
Aldershot	32	9	5	2	28	16	1	4	11	18	39	29
Sheffld Wed	31	7	6	3	26	16	0	7	8	9	19	27
Chesterfield	33	7	5	6	33	24	3	2	10	15	31	27
Southend	31	7	4	5	33	24	2	4	9	15	28	26
Mansfield	33	5	7	4	21	16	3	3	11	15	26	26
Swindon	33	8	2	6	29	22	2	3	12	15	37	25
Halifax	31	4	3	8	17	23	4	6	6	14	21	25
Colchester	33	7	3	6	16	19	2	4	11	13	35	25

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	34	14	2	0	39	13	8	4	6	16	15	50
Lincoln	30	15	1	0	50	11	7	4	3	23	16	49
Reading	34	15	1	1	28	6	4	5	8	22	34	44
Tranmere	33	13	2	1	43	8	5	5	7	22	27	43
Bournemth	32	12	2	2	29	9	5	4	7	16	18	40
Huddersfld	31	8	3	4	20	12	8	5	3	22	15	40
Doncaster	34	8	4	5	37	24	9	2	6	26	24	40
Exeter	35	9	6	2	24	8	5	5	8	18	23	39
Swansea	32	11	4	1	36	14	2	5	9	12	25	35
Torquay	33	9	2	5	20	16	5	5	7	18	32	35
Rochdale	32	6	8	2	22	16	5	4	7	11	18	34
Watford	34	12	2	3	27	15	3	2	12	14	34	34
Stockport	34	7	5	6	20	16	4	5	7	15	32	32
Crewe	33	8	6	3	28	15	1	7	8	15	22	31
Cambridge	35	5	7	5	21	19	5	4	8	16	25	31
Hartlepool	34	6	6	5	29	23	4	3	10	17	34	29
Newport	32	7	5	4	29	23	4	2	10	18	38	29
Brentford	32	9	4	4	28	15	1	4	10	14	31	28
Barnsley	33	8	6	2	21	12	0	6	11	9	28	28
Bradford	29	6	5	4	20	13	2	5	7	16	24	26
Scunthorpe	34	7	2	8	24	20	2	3	12	11	27	23
Darlington	32	5	5	5	12	11	3	1	13	14	32	22
Workington	33	5	2	10	16	27	0	3	13	5	33	15
Southport	33	2	4	11	18	29	1	1	14	5	33	11

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

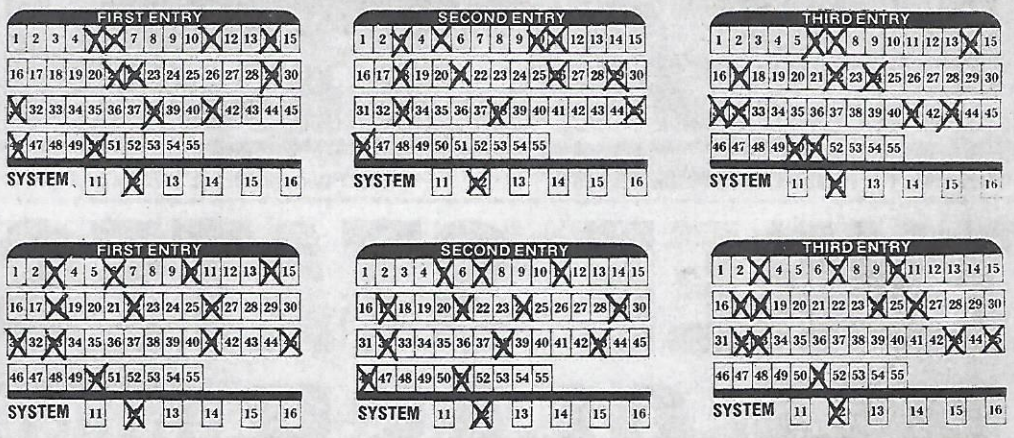
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	26	8	3	2	28	15	9	1	3	28	15	38
Rangers	26	11	1	1	28	9	5	4	4	15	12	37
Hibernian	25	10	2	1	30	9	3	4	5	14	20	32
Motherwell	26	8	3	3	21	14	4	4	4	24	19	31
Aberdeen	26	7	4	3	24	15	3	3	6	17	21	27
Hearts	26	4	5	4	17	17	4	3	6	11	20	24
Dundee	26	6	4	3	26	21	2	4	8	15	28	24
Dundee Utd	25	5	2	5	18	16	2	4	7	15	22	20
Ayr	26	7	2	3	20	16	1	2	11	10	30	20
St Johnstone	26	2	2	8	15	26	0	0	14	9	40	6

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	26	10	2	1	26	7	7	5	1	21	12	41
Kilmarnock	26	11	1	1	28	10	5	2	6	16	19	35
Montrose	26	9	3	1	28	18	3	3	7	25	25	30
Dumbarton	25	8	2	3	30	22	3	2	7	20	22	26
Arbroath	26	8	1	4	23	14	3	3	7	18	25	26
St Mirren	26	6	5	2	22	14	3	3	7	15	23	26
Airdrie	26	5	5	3	25	22	2	6	5	19	19	25
Falkirk	26	6	4	3	18	12	4	1	8	20	23	25
Hamilton	25	5	4	3	16	12	2	6	5	19	22	24
Queen o' Sth	26	6	4	3	26	26	3	2	8	15	21	24
Morton	26	4	5	4	16	17	3	4	6	15	23	23
East Fife	26	6	4	3	25	24	2	3	8	14	29	23
D'fermline	26	4	5	4	18	22	1	5	7	12	29	20
Clyde	26	3	2	8	20	23	2	2	9	14	29	14

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Clydebank	25	9	3	1	25	8	8	2	2	19	5	39
Raith	24	5	6	1	18	14	8	4	0	23	8	36
Alloa	24	6	4	1	22	12	8	2	3	22	15	34
Queens Park	26	8	2	3	24	14	2	7	4	17	19	29
Stirling A	24	6	3	4	26	15	3	4	4	12	14	25
Cowdenbath	24	5	4	2	21	13	4	3	6	18	28	25
E. Stirling	26	5	5	3	17	14	3	3	7	16	19	24
Stenhemuir	25	6	1	6	20	20	3	4	5	18	21	23
Albion R.	25	4	5	3	19	15	2	5	6	12	23	22
Stranraer	24	5	1	6	24	19	4	2	6	20	24	21
Berwick	24	3	3	7	14	24	4	2	5	18	16	19
Forfar	26	3	6	4	16	18	1	4	8	12	30	18
Meadowbank	26	4	3	6	14	23	1	3	9	10	30	16
Brechin	23	3	2	6	14	21	2	3	7	13	22	15



THE NUMBERS GAME

with KNUT WERNER

There was no point winning last week, as Vernon's predict a pay-out of only $4000 for 24 points. Chicken feed, in this day and age!

For next Saturday, I have picked 24 numbers, 20 of which have not come up since 'Soccer Action" started and four that have occurred only once.

Taking these 24 numbers, we cross-couple them into six entries of system 12, which gives a wider range of possibilities then system 11.

The cost to play this week is $9.

Woman's Intuition

with MARILYN

Ladies, look out.

Last week my color TV broke down. Collected a telephone number I should ring, presenting me with one of the best rip-off merchants you could ever wish to meet.

I'm told the part would cost $110, call $15, per hour $4. Flabbergasted at this report, I show him the door (pity I can't mention names).

I mean, with $110 I could go bananas at Myer's sales, but I'll be damned if I can wear a TV.

Immediately phoned the makers, and along came the HMV man.

Parts and service $40 lady, says Sam.

Thanks for the compliment, Sam, go to work.

Hey Sam, you seem lucky for me. How about giving me this week's numbers? 6, 9, 12, 20, 25, 29, 37, 42, 49, 50, 53, STOP STOP I tell him, only eleven!

What's it for, he says. AH HA I have a potential follower, treat him with care, was my immediate thought.

Ladies, don't you have any funny mishaps?

I don't think you have a pen and paper. If so, I'll send them to you.

But please write to — Marilyn, 'Soccer Action", 260 Spencer Street, Melbourne, and make sure you're in the running for these beautiful chocolates.

The stars

For those who follow the stars, here are your lucky pools number:

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18) 10, 17, 22, 32, 56, 51, 6, 11, 12, 23, 55.

PISCES (Feb 19 - March 20), 6, 9, 12, 22, 46, 54, 11, 10, 19, 20, 26, 30.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) 14, 15, 26, 27, 38, 50, 8, 24, 25, 34, 42.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) 5, 7, 11, 21, 30, 46, 15, 16, 18, 20, 31.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) 12, 13, 22, 40, 30, 5/, 11, 4, 5, 32, 31.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) 10, 13, 20, 42, 30, 53, 14, 12, 18. 19, 29.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) 18, 19, 35, 25, 43, 51, 9, 24, 25, 41, 40.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) 4, 19, 20, 43, 26, 54, 11, 13, 18, 22, 23.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) 11, 14, 22, 41, 21, 55, 12, 44, 45, 46, 53.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21) 17, 13, 14, 24, 30, 51, 7, 12, 11, 4, 16, 20.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21) 17, 31, 18, 7, 47, 5, 21, 8, 22, 23.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22 - Jan 19) 43, 4, 42, 11, 54, 7, 10, 53, 44, 45, 46.

Best bets

By PETER SWEENEY

BIRMINGHAM v LIVERPOOL: Top side Liverpool will be held to a draw at Birmingham, which will nullify that deadly past.

EVERTON v QPR: Everton's home ground advantage will prevent it from going down to second-placed Queens Park Rangers. The home club will look towards Davies, Seargeant and Buckley to do most of its work, with the visting Rangers putting its faith in Gillard and Hollins. There's no way known Everton will be beaten at home and the best the Rangers can hope for is a draw.

TOTTENHAM v ASTON VILLA: Aston Villa's away performances have been deplorable, but Tottenham is a side that rarely can take advantage.

BOLTON v PLYMOUTH: Middle-placed Plymouth travels to the second division's top club Bolton — and all it can do is hope and pray for a draw. To the amazement of pools fans it might be able to do this.

ORIENT v SUNDERLAND: Third-placed Sunderland, unbeaten at home, will find things a lot tougher when it visits Orient. Down the list Orient is a completely different proposition when at home and will hold the fancy Sunderland to a draw.

WEST BROM. v BLACKBURN: Blackburn, a club that plays for a draw when playing away, will be all out to do just that on the West Brom ground.

GRIMSBY v CRYSTAL PALACE: Third-placed third division club Crystal Palace faces its toughest task of the season in travelling to Grimsby and expecting to do well. It just won't be as easy as it appears on paper. Grimsby has yet to be downed at home and won't allow Crystal Palace to come in and take over the show.

MILLWALL v SHEFF. WED: Sheffield would not win if it started playing today, but it will worry the more fancied Millwall out of a win. Millwall desperately needs a win to enchance its hopes of end of season promotion, but the game will be a draw.

PORT VALE v GILLINGHAM: Gillingham is expected to wriggle out of this clash with one point. Port Vale desperately needs a win to enhance its points and percentage but the game is headed for a draw.

SOUTHEND v BURY: Southend's steady home performances will place it in good stead for the match against Bury. Middle-paced Bury will go down to Southend, bubbling with confidence, but Bury will soon knock the confidence out of them.

BOURNEM'TH v SOUTHPORT: Southport faces a man-sized problem in limiting the brilliant Bournemouth attack to a draw. It would be a shock to see Southport hold the powerful Bournemouth side, but if it clicks it's capable of doing so.

Last week

The numbers representing the score draws last week are: 2, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23, 30, 39, 44, 45, 53.

The scoreless match numbers are: 5, 25, 28, 40, 42.

Poland tour

Latest from Poland's tour of Spain is that the tourists have beaten Real Betis 4-1 and CD Malaga 2-1 but lost 1-2 to La Coruna.

Italian teams galore

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The Victorian Federation, organiser of the tour, should therefore have enough games lined up to make the tour financially feasible.

Having helped out Victoria, NSW will now ask a favor in return.

NSW is committed to bring to Australia the Italian Army team which includes First Division players and a few internationals.

NSW needs to organise at least four matches for this team and has asked Victoria to take one of them.

Italian Second Division club Catanzaro of Calabria, Southern Italy, will be brought to Australia by State League club Juventus.

Catanzaro will play against Juventus mid-week in late June and will also have a match in Adelaide.

APIA in Sydney but the NSW Federation says such a match would affect attendances at the State-organised games against Bologna and the Italian Army.

However, there is now a strong possibility that Catanzaro will play against the Italian Army in Sydney.

This would be one of the games NSW is looking for to fill out the Army's itinerary.

There is still talk that Catanzaro may play against Bologna in Melbourne.

This game would be sure to draw the biggest crowd since the 1956 Olympic final between Yugoslavia and the USSR before about 100,000 people at the MCG.

Bologna's other games in Australia are against an [illegible] toria in Melbourne on June 16.

The international program continues in May, when English teams Tottenham Hotspur and Sunderland tour simultaneously.

Sunderland's program is: May 7 v Northern Territory in Darwin; May 9 v Queensland in Brisbane; May 12 v Australian XI in Sydney; May 16 v Northern NSW in Newcastle; May 19 v Australian XI in Melbourne; May 23 v Tasmania in Hobart; May 26 v Australian XI in Adelaide; May 30 v Western Australia in Perth.

Tottenham Hotspur's program: May 9 v Victoria in Melbourne; May 12 v Northern NSW in Newcastle; May 16 v Australian XI in Sydney; May 19 v South Australia in

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Ulysses Kokkinos jumps for joy after scoring for Hellas against Alexander.

Transferred playboy considers marriage

Ulysses Kokkinos, the soccer playboy who uses sex to improve his playing performance, switched from South Melbourne Hellas to Juventus last week.

At the same time, he announced that he was considering marriage to a German girl!

He denied reports linking him with a massage parlor, adding he had never been a masseur of women, as had been reported in some papers.

However, he said: "I wish the reports were true because you can make a lot of money out of the massage parlors.

"I would give up soccer forever!"

Kokkinos has said there is nothing as beneficial to a player as sex before the game, and he still believes it.

The stylish, but moody striker who had a short stint with Hahoah Sydney last year, claims he left South Melbourne Hellas because he was personally disliked by president **Sam Papasavas** and because there was a disagreement over money.

Kokkinos said: "I really didn't want to leave Hellas, as I love the club and it made me what I am today.

"But I could not stay under the conditions.

"Mr Papasavas and some other people in the Hellas club had a personal dislike against me, and I don't know why.

By PETER SWEENEY

"It wasn't my fault that I had to leave the club."

His transfer fee to Juventus was about $4500.

Kokkinos, who says he's 26, said: "I have signed a one year contract with Juventus and there is a one-year option.

"I can't disclose what I'm getting, but I'm very happy.

"Juventus has made me feel at home, and I don't think I will find it difficult to play in its side."

When asked if he would finishing his playing days with Juventus, Kokkinos said: "Who knows the future? You don't eat the same food every day. You've got to change.

"I hope I'm happy at Juventus and the committee feels the same way."

Kokkinos, for years branded as the Melbourne State League's biggest playboy, dropped a bombshell by admitting that he was seriously considering marriage.

He said: "Yes I am going steady with a German girl and thinking about marrying her.

"People think I go out with a lot of girls — and I used to at one stage.

"I think that a player's sex life is up to him.

"I prefer the sensible type of girl and I favor the European born.

"My ideal Saturday night before a game is to relax, have dinner with a nice girl and have sex, but I don't believe in going out drinking till all hours of the night."

Kokinos talked of his future: "I am planning to go into business with my close friend, **Mark Yacoudian.**

"We would like to open a coffee lounge.

"One day I would like to coach a side."

Kokkinos, who has represented Victoria about five times, has travelled world-wide to play soccer.

He started as a professional at the age of 14 in Istanbul and later toured Italy with the Turkish under 18 side.

In 1966 he migrated to Australia and joined South Melbourne Hellas.

Early in 1968 he played for top Athens team Panathinaikos.

After returning to Hellas and playing there again he got itchy feet and joined a first division Greek side — Panseraikos.

Kokkinos kicked two goals in the last match of the year to save his side from relegation, and this earned him an open clearance.

Soon after, Kokkinos returned to Melbourne and this time stripped for Alexander.

The past two seasons he has played at South Melbourne Hellas.

GARDINER MAY SELL MEDALS TO SUE 'CROSS

John Gardiner says he may sell his two Rothmans Medals to help pay for his court case against his club, George Cross-Courage.

Gardiner says he will have a writ issued against George Cross if the club does not agree today (Wednesday) to sell him for a reasonable price.

George Cross and the Victorian Soccer Federation are both in possession of letters by Gardiner's solicitors who express the opinion that Gardiner would be successful in any court action over the system under which he is registered as a player.

Gardiner is on the outdated yellow registration form, which binds a player to a club for life, and may constitute unfair restraint of trade.

If Gardiner were to win a court action over the registration form, he would probably become a free agent and George Cross would get no transfer fee at all.

Worse still, every other player in Victoria still on a yellow form could also become free agents.

Gardiner says he wants to joint Fitzroy Alexander, but it is believed that George Cross wants $8000 for him.

Alexander is not willing to pay that much.

Preston Makedonia has made a bid for Gardiner, and South Melbourne Hellas coach **Brian Edgley** has also contacted him.

Alexander coach **Jack Reilly** met the George Cross committee last week but the committee decided to meet again last night (Tuesday) to discuss the matter further.

Gardiner told **"Soccer Action"** yesterday that he would go ahead with court action if George Cross does not agree today to release him for a reasonable price.

He said: "George Cross sold its name to a sponsor, Courage Breweries for only $7000 — less than the club wants for me!

"It's ridiculous. Do they mean to say that I'm more valuable to them than the very name of their club?

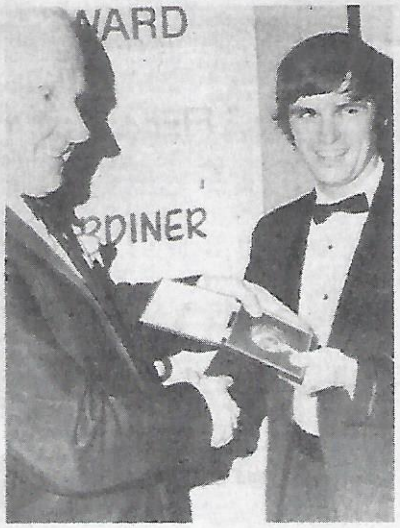
"I'd hate to do it, but I would sell my two Rothmans Medals to pay for my court costs. I'm determined to get away and I'm determined to see justice done."

Gardiner won the Rothmans Medal as the best player in State League in 1971 and 1972.

Gardiner said he had been in touch with the Victorian Soccer Federation in an attempt to get the same justice that a group of Yugal-Prague players got in Sydney recently.

The players, **Gary Fairclough, Uwe Bracklow, Nick Petrovski, Steve Selvage and Steve McDonald,** appealed to the NSW Federation against excessive transfer fees placed on their heads by Yugal-Prague, and had the fees lowered.

"I tried to get something done through Soccer House," Gardiner said, "but all I got was the run-around."



Sir David Hill-Wood, then president of the VSF, presents Gardiner with the 1971 Rothmans Medal. Gardiner may sell the medal, and the one he won in 1972, so he can pay the cost of taking George Cross to court.

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THOSE 'BLACK DEVILS' ARE PART OF THE GAME

Be they good or bad, referees must be accepted as part of soccer rather as some sort of "black devils" remote from the game and intent only on angering the clubs, players and the fans.

'RALE RASIC

Instead of being eternally critical of them, the clubs and the coaches should be prepared to work with referees to help them introduce uniformity in refereeing and to help improve the standard of the game.

Players and coaches don't take too kindly to criticism by the crowd, so let's remember that the referee encounters this type of criticism at almost every game and that he is absolutely powerless to do anything about it.

Whereas coaches and players can make crystal clear to the crowd what they think of its criticism, a referee must maintain decorum and suffer in silence.

Let's always remember that it is extremely difficult to be a good referee. It is almost impossible to please everyone.

I would like to see coaches and referees getting together at special seminars and I would like to see referees coming to clubs to talk to players, to explain the role of the referee and the problems he faces.

This would lead to a much friendlier relationship between all concerned.

One of my major concerns is that there should be consistent refereeing within the match. What is good for one side must also be good for the other. If this does not appear to be the case, you get trouble from the crowd.

A problem we face is that a few referees seem to take their cue from matches they see televised from overseas.

I've encountered the case of a referee ignoring a blatant foul, saying he saw the same thing allowed in an English match on television.

However, the overseas players are professionals and they commit professional fouls that aren't really dangerous. The amateurs in Australia foul in an amateurish way that IS often dangerous.

Now allow me to mention linesmen.

They often lack the fitness to keep up with play and they lack sufficient knowledge of the modern game to appreciate the way that players come from behind.

This often results in incorrect offside decisions.

I believe that we should have standing teams comprising a referee and two linesmen and that these teams should operate as a unit.

This means that when you get a particular referee you get his two regular linesmen as well.

A set-up like this would enable all three to work together in close harmony. They would get to know each other well and co-operate closely with each other.

Believe it or not, we often have the same referee or linesman controlling the third grade, second grade and first grade game on a particular afternoon.

Not only does he become physically tired, but he also becomes mentally tired, meaning he cannot make decisions as accurately in the third game as he did in the first.

We must ensure that we have enough referees to avoid these situations.

There should be a school for referees and promotion must be made more difficult.

Getting back to linesmen — referees should rely on their linesmen much more than they do at present. Quite often, the linesman is in a much better position to see play, yet the referee overrules him.

Linesmen are quite often more important to the outcome of a game than referees.

The linesman makes decisions about offside, corners and throw-ins, which all can result in goals.

If a linesman is unfit and cannot keep up with the game, he can make an incorrect decision that will result in such a goal.

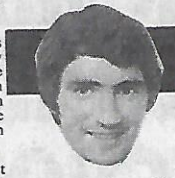
A final point I would like to make is that referees must be given assistance to stamp out hooliganism in soccer.

The referee should b praised for sending of hooligan players.

The tribunal must bac the referee's decision an impose harsh penaltie rather than let the play off lightly as is so often th case.

Expert teaching led to job at Alexander

For three months now, I have been finding my feet in the world of soccer coaching. During this time it has been my good fortune to be in charge of potentially one of the best clubs in Australia.



JACK REILLY

The committee, players and supporters of Fitzroy United Alexander have made my transition from player to player-coach an easy one and I only hope that their patience and faith will be rewarded.

It was with great apprehension that I considered the postiion of player-coach, having seen so many great players attempt the job and fail.

I was also faced with the situation of taking over a championship-winning side, which had been expertly moulded and coached by the super-efficient **Manny Poulakakis.**

Mangopoulos

The precedent had been set, the club was already successful and basically the same players were available.

Eventually, it was my complete faith in, and respect for the president of the club, **Jim Mangopoulos,** that made me decide to take the job.

Here was a man willing to sit down and listen to the ramblings of an "idealist". He spent many hours listening to my theories on how we should not aim for overnight success but plan for the future in a manner that had never been done before.

In any walk of life, be it business or sport, I do not believe one can succeed unless the ground rules are set and there is an understanding of what is trying to be achieved.

At Fitzroy, I believe we have this format and understanding.

A question frequently asked of me is: What sort of apprenticeship did you serve as a coach?

I must admit that to date there has been no formal training, but I have had the honor and pleasure of playing at club, State and national level under such great coaches as **Manny Poulakakis, Tony Boggi** and **Rale Rasic,** respectively.

Each of these men, in his own way, taught me the fundamentals.

Manny has for m years been one of the n successful coaches Australia and this suc has been achieved thro dedication to the game, derstanding of players excellent tacti knowledge.

Tony has an quenchable thirst knowledge, a real zest the game and a com loyalty and dedicatio players who give their

Rale Rasic, to me, i man to whom Australia its status. Without his d mination, personality wealth of talent, I do believe Australia would qualified for the 1974 W Cup finals.

His sacking by the zealous administration an indelible scar Australian soccer.

Most important, I be all three coaches "players coaches" although I have had vi arguments with them various times of my ca it speaks volumes fo type of people they are consider all of them a sonal friends, espe since I was usually th who was wrong.

To sum up: I co that coaching in Austr generally most frust and that unless an indi stands up for wha believes to be correct convinces others, th might as well stay hom his feet up, relax and best coach in the wor

We all know the players and coaches ar participants.

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Celtic held to draw in Glasgow, AC Milan beaten

MADRID HOLDS GIANTS

European footballer of the year, Oleg Blokhin, who scored one of the goals in Dynamo Kiev's 2-0 victory over St Etienne in Simferopol.

Spanish club Real Madrid fought back strongly to draw 2-2 with German champion Borussia Moenchengladbach and is now poised to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup.

Real's draw with the mighty Moenchengladbach was the outstanding achievement of the first leg quarter-final round of the three big European competitions.

The second legs will be played on March 17. With the advantage of playing at home in front of its huge partisan crowd, Real Madrid should beat Moenchengladbach to qualify for the semi-finals.

Real trailed 1-2 in Duesseldorf after **Jensen** and **Wittkamp** had scored for Moenchengladbach, and Martinez for Real. The important equalising goal came from **Pirri.**

While Moenchengladbach flopped in Duesseldorf, fellow German club Bayern Munich did much better in Lisbon, holding Benfica to a scoreless draw.

Yugoslav club Hajduk Split is set for the semi-finals after its 2-0 victory over PSV Eindhoven in Split and Dinamo Kiev beat St Etienne 2-0, with one goal coming from **Oleg Blokin,** Europe's Footballer of the Year.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Celtic was held to a 1-1 draw in Glasgow by Sachsenring Zwickau of East Germany and its task of qualifying for the semis now looks hopeless.

In the UEFA Cup, England's Liverpool, battle-hardened by an unbroken decade of European competition, held Dynamo Dresden to a scoreless draw in Dresden.

The East German champions had a penalty early in the second half but England goalkeeper **Ray Clemence** dived to his right and got a hand to **Kotte's** shot.

More suprising was the feat of the Polish UEFA Cup survior Stal Mielec in Hamburg.

The Germans went ahead in 11 minutes through **Horst Bertl** but in the first minute of the second half, **Oratowski** put the Poles level.

Hamburg skipper **Volkert** was brought down inside the area but goalkeeper **Kukla** saved his penalty shot.

Surjak of Hajduk Split.

The great Heredia who starred for Barcelona in its 2-0 victory over Levski Spartak Sofia.

Ken Dalglish — despite his goal, Celtic struggled to draw 1-1 with Sachsenring Zwickau in Glasgow and will find it difficult to qualify for the quarter-finals.

All the quarter-finals scores

Roberto Martinez of Real Madrid.

EUROPEAN CUP

In Split: HAJDUK SPLIT (Yugoslavia) 2, PSV EINDHOVEN (Holland) 0. Halftime 2-0.

Scorers: Miljac, Surjak. Attendance: 30,000.

In Simferopol: DINAMO KIEV (Soviet Union) 2, ST ETIENNE (France) 0. (Halftime 1-0).

Scorers: Knokov, Blokhin.

In Deusseldorf: BORUSSIA MOENCHENGLADBACH (West Germany) 2, REAL MADRID (Spain) 2. (Halftime 2-1).

Scorers — Borussia: Jensen, Wittkamp; Real: Martinez, Pirri. Attendance: 70,000.

In Lisbon: BENFICA (Portugal) 0, BAYERN MUENCHEN (W. Germany) 0.

CUP WINNERS' CUP

In Glasgow: CELTIC (Scotland) 1, SACHSENRING ZWICKAU (East Germany) 1. (Halftime 1-0).

Scorers — Celtic: Dalglish; Zwickau: Blank. Attendance: 46,000.

In Brussels: ANDERLECHT (Belgium) 1, WREXHAM (Wales) 0.

Scorer: van Binst. Attendance: 30,000.

In The Hague: F.C. DEN HAAG (Holland) 4, WEST HAM UNITED (England) 2. (Halftime 4-0).

Scorers — Den Haag: Mansveld 3 (2 penalties), Schoenmaker. West Ham: Jennings 2. Attendance: 26,000.

In Frankfurt: EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (W. Germany) 2, STURM GRAZ (Austria) 0.

UEFA CUP

In Dresden: DYNAMO DRESDEN (East Germany) 0, LIVERPOOL (England) 0.

Attendance: 33,000.

In Hamburg: SV HAMBURG (West Germany) 1, STAL MIELEC (Poland) 1. (Halftime 1-0).

Scorers: Hamburg: Bertl; Mielec: Dratowski. Attendance: 40,000.

In Bruges: FC BRUGES (Belgium) 2, AC MILAN (Italy) 0. (Halftime 1-0).

Scorers: Le Fevre, Krieger. Attendance: 25,000.

In Barcelona: BARCELONA (Spain) 4, LEVSKI SPARTAK SOFIA (Bulgaria) 0. (Halftime 2-0).

Scorers: Neeskens (penalty), Marcial, Asenski, Heredia. Attendance: 60,000.

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ROUND SIX DETAILS

Sunshine 2 (Cumming 49th., McRobert 63rd.) GC-Courage 1 (Veljanovski 30th).

Player ratings out of 10:

SUNSHINE: Johnson 5; Lewis 5, Petrov 4, Mussel 5, Smith 4; Laing 5, Howe 5, McCarthy 6; Cumming 6, Piotrowski 5, McRobert 6.

GC-COURAGE: Kastner 6; McConville 5, Maitland 6, J. Webb 5, Thompson 5; Deeming 5, Kelly 5, Jones 5; Veljanovski 7, Hill 4 (Walker 46th), Smart 5.

Alexander 2 (Cole 4th., 45th) Ringwood-Wilhelmina 1 (Lynn 48th).

ALEXANDER: Reilly 5; Stogiannou 5, P. Bannon 6, Nelson 5, Rellis 5; Webster 6, Karapatsos 5, Gibson 5; Nicolaides 5, Cole 8, Gillan 5.

RINGWOOD: van Egmond 7; Adams 6, Garthwaite 6, Ward 5, Bray 5; Holding 6, O'Callaghan 6, Mullett 5; Williamson 5, Lynn 6, Brown 5.

Polonia 2 (Herman 10th, McCombe o.g. 13th) Slavia 1 (Taney 60th).

POLONIA: Szalinski 6; S. Klain 6, Dziedzic 6, Jaworski 6, Klimecki 6; Nierobicz 6, Lerch 7, van Leeuwen 5; W. Klain 5, Herman 6, Esposito 5.

SLAVIA: Whiteside 6; Owens 5, O'Reilly 5, McCombe 5, Tansey 6; McElhinney 5, J. Train 6, Symington 5, Moore 5; Patten 5, Pinakos 5.

Hellas 3 (Cummings 25th & 61st, Ollerton 57th) Makedonia 1 (McIntry 15th).

HELLAS: Kennedy 5; Pye 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Kalafatides 6, Batticciotto 6; Daperis 5, Bourne 7, Mackay 6; Cummings 6, Ollerton 6, Armstrong 5.

MAKEDONIA: Laumets 5; Trajkovski 5, Campbell 5, Blacker 6, Harrison 5; McIntyre 6, Presilski 6, Fox 6; Jones 6, Gilmour 5, Grannon 4 (Stojanovski 53rd).

Total player ratings: up to and including round six:

27 points: Xanthopoulos (Hellas), Bourne (Hellas), Cole Alexander).

26: Harby (Juventus), C. Lucchesi (Juventus), P. Bannon (Alexander), McIntyre (Makedonia), Lerch (Polonia).

25: Boland (JUST), Hammond (Hakoah), Baker (Hakoah), Durand (Hakoah), Williamson (Ringwood).

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alexander	4	0	0	6	2	8
Sunshine	2	0	2	7	5	4
GC-Courage	2	0	2	4	3	4
Mooroolbark	2	0	2	2	2	4
Juventus	1	0	3	2	4	2
Ringwood-W	1	0	3	4	9	2

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUST	3	0	1	7	2	6
Hellas	2	0	2	7	4	4
Hakoah	2	0	2	3	2	4
Slavia	2	0	2	4	5	4
Makedonia	2	0	2	3	5	4
Polonia	1	0	3	2	8	2

Top scorers: 3 goals: Ristovski (JUST), Ollerton (Hellas), Cummings (Hellas), McIntyre (Makedonia), Cole (Alexander); 2 goals: Pocock (Sunshine), French (Mooroolbark), Buljevic (JUST), Veljanovski (GC), McRobert (Sunshine), Lynn (Ringwood).

TEAM OF THE WEEK

van EGMOND (Ringwood)

S. KLAIN (Polonia) — XANTHOPOULOS (Hellas) — KALAFATIDES (Hellas) — BATTICCIOTTO (Hellas)

LERCH (Polonia) — BOURNE (Hellas) — NIEROBICZ (Polonia)

VELJANOVSKI (Geo Cross) — COLE (Alexander) — CUMMINGS (Hellas)

THIS WEEK

This week's matches at Olympic Park, with likely winners in capitals:

Friday, 7.30 p.m. MOOROOLBARK v Ringwood; 9 p.m. Juventus v SUNSHINE.

Saturday, 7.30 p.m.: HAKOAH v Polonia; 9 p.m. FOOTSCRAY JUST v Makedonia.

GARY COLE: MAGNIFICO!

Big, strong, agile, quick-thinking Gary Cole kicked Fitzroy Alexander to the Ampol Cup semi-finals with a sizzling display against Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Cole was the difference between victory and defeat for his team, which had quite a lot of trouble with the determined Ringwood side.

It was Cole's constructiveness and accuracy which rightfully earned him two goals and the title of best man afield for the second time in three weeks.

His first goal in the fourth minute.

Keith Webster, a creative midfielder, worked the ball to **George Gillan** who passed to Cole for a smash that gave **Nick van Egmond** no chance.

Ringwood's defence placed Alexander's forwards under tight security and van Egmond stopped three shots that could quite easily have resulted in goals.

Long, hard kicks by **John Nicolaides** and the sparkling Cole and a deliberate 10-yard bang from the out-of-touch **Gillan** were well diverted.

Cole started the second half with a 50-yard run, dummying defenders and perfectly positioning a ball for Gillan to aim at goal but Gillan missed from point blank range.

At the 45th minute, reliable defender **Pat Bannon** drove a ball deep into Fitzroy Alexander's attacking zone and who do you think was ready and waiting to pounce on it and capitalise on the opportunity? ... No-one else but Garry Cole!

Cole took it on the outside of his right foot and nonchalantly lobbed the ball over the head of van Egmond.

A minute later, a Cole header went over the bar.

But Ringwood fought back well and could even have won the match had it not been so far down.

Alexander coach — goalkeeper **Jack Reilly** looked a novice in his attempt to stop a powerful **Keith Adams** drive.

Reilly moved out — fumbled the ball, — and Mike Lynn swooped in, collected the crumbs and gently placed the ball into an open net.

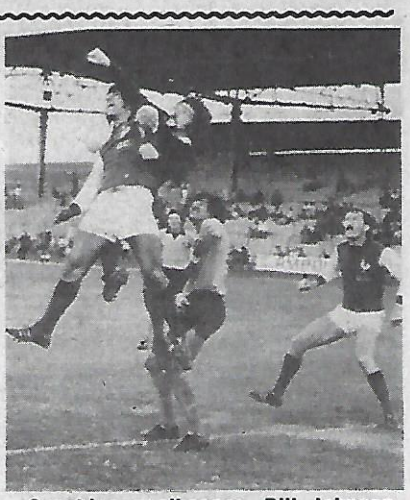
The goal lifted Ringwood and it did much better.

The side, in its best Ampol Cup exhibition, surprised its classier opponents with a will to win and dour determination.

Lynn nearly scored a second goal with two minutes to go, out of a group of players.

But the Fitzroy side cleared and headed goalward where Cole was ever active.

Alexander pounded at goal without scoring until the match was over.



Sunshine goalkeeper, Bill Johnson, punches the ball away from George Cross forward Godwin Hili. The others are, from left: Wilf Laing and Chris Petrov of Sunshine and Kevin Kelly of George Cross.

NOW IT'S ON IN EARNEST

The race for the Ampol Cup semi-finals enters the home straight this week.

Mooroolbark could win a semi-final berth if it beats Ringwood on Friday night. In the later game, Sunshine would have to lose to Juventus to enable the Barkers to advance.

If depleted Sunshine manages to toss Juventus, it will move into the semis ahead of Mooroolbark.

On Saturday night, Hakoah will be looking for goals from Polonia, as the race for the semi-finals in Group B has developed into a battle of goals between Hellas and Hakoah.

Both teams are equal on points, so it will be goal average that decides which will advance. J.U.S.T. should win the other game, against Makedonia, to hold top position in Section B.

How'd they win that?

Sunshine staged a remarkable comeback to down George Cross on Friday night after it had earlier tried its utmost to hand the match to George Cross.

The best man afield, **Kire Veljanovski,** bewildered Sunshine defenders **Billy Johnson** and Laurie Smith at the 30th minute mark to kick what appeared to be a match-winning goal.

There seemed no way the shocked Sunshine side could get back into the game — let alone win it.

Sunshine's makeshift defence was positively hopeless.

Laurie Smith was out of place at left back and Chris Petrov, playing in the middle, almost scored two own goals.

Minutes before Veljanovski scored he raced goalward and set up a scoring chance for his teammates who were all too slow to capitalise on his good work.

He then showed his side how to win the ball from the opposition.

Johnson and Smith misunderstood who would clear the ball, and Veljanovski ran a mile, put his foot in between them, kicked, and the ball dribbled into the net.

Johnson and Smith gazed at each other in amazement and horror, but the unforgiveable mistake had been made.

George Cross completed the half with a string of shots which placed Sunshine's defence under buckling pressure.

It was a reformed Sunshine team we saw in the second half.

Tommy Cumming scored his first Ampol Cup goal at the 49th minute, after header from Kaz Piotrowski had hit the bar and rebounded out.

The goal lifted the team and worked wonders.

Sunshine's second goal came at the 63rd minute when key man Jim McRobert intercepted a bad back pass from John Webb and drove it into the net.

He nearly scored minutes after from a super Ian McCarthy cross.

NO JOY FOR WALKER

Big Steve Walker, the most constructive defender in the State League, was itching to get back into action but said he didn't really expect to get a game.

Walker, serving out a four match suspension which he says seems like four months, had just watch Hellas beat Makedonia 3-1.

Among the best players in that game was young **Chris Kalafatides** who was standing in for Walker at centre back, alongside the immaculate **Arthur Xanthopoulos.**

Walker conceded after the match that he probably wouldn't get back into the team for the rest of the Ampol Cup.

Although the defenders — including **Giovanni Batticciotto** and **Mike Pye** — played extremely well, Hellas' real star was midfielder **Peter Bourne.**

Peter Ollerton did a lot of hard work up front, drawing defenders away and leaving room for **Duncan Cummings** who capitalised scoring two opportunist goals.

Hellas had to overcome the shock of **Bill McIntyre's** 30 metre goal in the 15th minute before going on to win 3-1.

In the 25th minute there was a mix-up between **Frank Campbell** and **Peter Laumets** in Makedonia's defence. Campbell tried to shield the ball for Laumets but Ollerton nipped in and got it out to Cummings who smashed it home.

Makedonia was moving quite well in midfield, through **McIntyre, Tommy Fox** and **Cele Presilski,** but up front, there wasn't a forward who could get a shot in, although **Davy Jones** was active on the wing.

In the 57th minute, Bourne floated a free kick to Ollerton who goaled.

Four minutes later Campbell tried heading back to Laumets under pressure from Cummings.

The header bounced in front of Laumets, and there was Cummings to belt it into the net.

There's top-class leather wear at Anita Tailoring of Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield. See page 8.

Polonia starts to take shape

After so many dismal weeks, everything suddenly clicked for Polonia and kind-hearted Slavia helped out by played some utter rubbish.

Polonia's playercoach **Eugene Lerch** was magnificent in midfield, where Slavia was practically non-existent. Only little **Jimmy Train** and the overlapping of wandering **Jim Tansey** gave Slavia the occasional touch of the ball in the middle.

Lerch had a good offsider in George Nierobicz, who played his best game since switching from Keilor City.

Joe Herman was aggressive, fiery, strong and active in attack.

The makeshift centre backs — **Richard Dziedzic** and **Marian Jaworski** — played with determination and authority.

The two were standin g in for **Eddy Marmur** who is still too busy studying, and **Andy Czapnik** who is injured.

Polonia's first goal was headed in by Herman after a cross by Nierobicz in the 10th minute. Three minutes later Slavia centre back Steve McCombe deflected a shot by Nierobicz into the net for an own goal.

Polonia should have scored again in the 23rd minute when Lerch and Nierobicz had successive shots from inside the penalty area, but each time goalkeeper **Bill Whiteside** showed amazing reflexes.

In the 58th minute, Lerch broke through at the edge of the penalty area and made towards goal. McCombe grabbed him around the waist but referee **Jim Dixson** ruled the offence had occurred not inside, but outside the area.

Little can be said about Slavia, which got its consolation goal through

Polonia striker Joe Herman bustles Slavia goalkeeper

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SYDNEY AMPOL CUP

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Mighty Hakoah, what a team!

Hakoah-Eastern Suburbs stormed back into favoritism for the Ampol Cup with a forceful display which engulfed Marconi in a sea of blue shirts.

It was certainly not a happy sight for Marconi coach **Rale Rasic**, as Hakoah romped to a staggering 5-2 win to qualify to meet Western Suburbs in the final next Sunday.

Gary Byrne

Even allowing for Wests' performance against St George, it is difficult to imagine them finding enough in reserve to throw the Blues off balance.

Granted, Marconi made Hakoah's job that much easier with a defence which vanished mysteriously into thin air every time it was needed.

But Hakoah's overall strength is underlined by the fact that when solid defender Les Hucker arrived late for the game, he was told he would not be needed — even as a substitute!

The first team squad of 16 players is a strong one, little affected by change and interchange.

John Stevenson, whose cross to **Murray Barnes** allowed the Australian striker to open the scoring with the first of his two goals, played well in midfield but was replaced at half-time by **Graham Honeyman.**

If the change seemed odd, it did little to affect the rhythm flowing through Hakoah, nor did **Hilton Silva's** appearance on the left wing to replace injured **Bertie Lutton.**

Hakoah was completely in control, putting its passes together smoothly while Marconi ran itself ragged in desperation.

There were some pleasing aspects for Marconi. Midfielder **Gary Byrne** stood out along with racy winder **Ernie Campbell**, both of whom scored, while **Peter Sharne**, replacing injured **Raoul Carrizo**, impressed with his speed on the ball despite a few rouch edges of inexperience.

But for Marconi, that was about it.

Its back four may as well have been watching from the sidelines.

They allowed themselves to be distracted time and again, repeatedly leaving gaps big enough to drive a Bondi bus through — and Hakoah was quick to oblige.

Gerry Doran and **Alfredo Moschen** were the main offenders, full backs **Paul Degney** and **Stuart Robertson** at least getting through some tackling as wave after Hakoah wave pounded through.

Tall striker Terry Smith was the Hakoah man who continually drew the defence like a magnet and he was fittingly rewarded with a goal two minutes from the end when he shook off his tails.

Stevenson, Agenor Muniz and little **Joe Watson** dominated the midfield while **Kevin Mullen**, given all the room he wanted to roam down the right wing from his fullback position, was a constant menace.

Barnes has improved with every game and no doubt his presence in the Australian team has helped.

Admittedly, he had the time and the space for both of his goals, but the calm manner in which he controlled the ball before finding the net was pure gold in comparison with most of the hurried and futile shots of so many strikers.

Lutton's header low into the net after lead-up work by Muniz and Watson sent Hakoah to a 2-0 lead at half-time, Watson and Barnes making it 4-0 by midway through the second half.

Skipper **Henry Mowbray** steadied his side throughout while giving a solid display at left back.

Campbell pegged back a goal in the 71st minute and in the 85th did the lead-up work for Byrne to deflect one in off **Greg Lynch**, taking over the wayward Hucker's role.

But Marconi was never going to scrape out of trouble and Smith put the seal on a tearaway win for Hakoah in the 88th minute.

Cup final, Sunday

At Wentworth Park

HAKOAH-EASTERN SUBURBS v WESTERN SUBURBS, 3 pm

Playoff for third place:

MARCONI v ST GEORGE, 1.15pm

STONE INSPIRES WEST VICTORY

Upsets are a way of life in soccer as much as in any other sport but no one was prepared for the one Western Suburbs sprang on the Sydney dragon St George.

Saints breathed fire throughout the preliminary Ampol Cup rounds to enter the semi-finals as the only team to have won each of its five lead-up games.

But Wests, the team which did it the hard way, stopped the Cup holder in its tracks with a shock 2-1 win to qualify for the final.

A shock, that is, to everyone but coach **Archie Blue.**

"There were pretty scrappy for the first 15 minutes, but PETER WILSON rallied them in the defence and the midfield tightened their control in the second half," said Blue with the satisfied look of a man who knew his side had the ability.

Things certainly did not look too bright for Wests when **Fred Aitken** put Saints ahead in the 20th minute.

The young Scot accepted a cross from **Atti Abonyi** to left-foot a low shot past **Terry Eaton** into the corner of the net.

Saints appeared fully in control, with **John Stoddart** chiming into the midfield from his new left back role to continually worry the life out of a haphazard Wests.

The grass, long and unmown due to Sydney's prolonged downpour during the week, almost allowed Wests an equalising goal as **Paul Coton** misjudged its pace to permit **Peter Stone** a shot — well blocked by **Peter Fuzes** in goal.

But in the final analysis, it was the hapless Fuzes who permitted Wests' revival.

The second half had only just begun when an unmark-

Steve Perry

and fired a shot from 30 metres out.

Fuzes, standing almost on his line, fumbled and the ball just crossed the goal line as the 'keeper lunged back desperately to recover a moment too late.

The unexpected goal was the turning point — all the encouragement Wests needed to lift their game to the point where Saints began to look quite pedestrian.

And it was midfielder Stone, the youngster spotted in Newcastle a few years ago and signed by Wests, who sparked it all, not only with his goal, but with his energetic tackling and nonstop creativity.

With Wilson rallying the defence and numerous gaps appearing on the right, fullback **Steve Perry** was able to repeatedly come down the wing and keep Saints on the back-pedal.

Saints replaced lanky striker **Neville Morgan** with **John O'Shea** and winger **John Gray** with **Mark Jankovic** in an attempt to turn the tide but it was all to no avail.

Wests were a team with purpose and the more intense their pressure, the more ragged Saints became.

In the 66th minute Eric Williams lobbed the ball over the head of Doug Utjesenovic and as Fuzes came out to gather, Tom Morrow raced in to tap a second lob cleverly over his head for Wests' second goal.

Injuries robbed Wests of both Williams and Morrow a few minutes later but there was no way the underdogs intended letting the game slip away.

Alan Ainslie and **Ken Lindsay** worked well with the effervescent Stone as Wests pressed forward with a zest which will trouble many a team in the championship this season.

And Dave Harding is still cooling his heels on the sidelines following his transfer from Pan Hellenic to Wests!

Abonyi had a chance to square the tie in the 85th minute when he collected a pass from the left wing but blasted the ball over the bar from three metres out.

So the mighty were humbled, Wests having reduced them to mere mortals with a stirring display of controlled football.

As Saints coach **Manfred Schaefer** admitted ruefully, "At least I have found out where my weaknesses are."

Semi-final details

At Wentworth Park: Western Suburbs 2 (Stone, Morrow) St George 1 (Aitken). Attendance: 2,673.

Men of the match: 3 — Peter Stone (Wests) 2 — Steve Perry (Wests) 1 — John Stoddart (St George).

Hakoah — 5 (Barnes 2, Watson, Smith, Lutton) Marconi — 2 (Campbell, Byrne). Attendance: 2,673.

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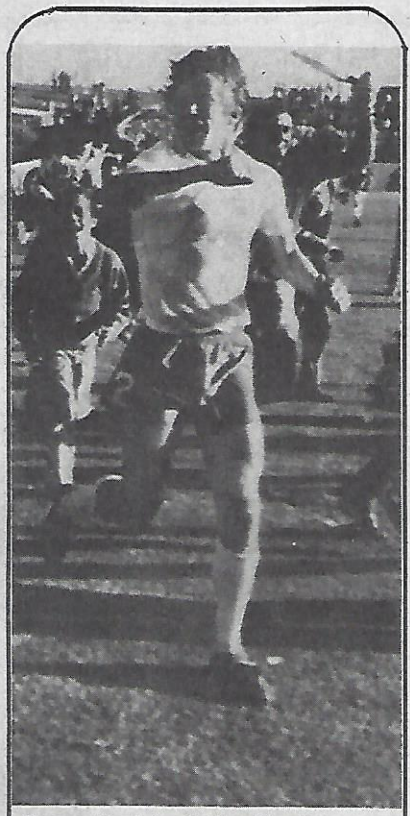


George Harris leads his side off the field after the Saints had won the 1975 championship.

WARREN

Former national captain John Warren

Harris a boon to Socceroos

It comes as no surprise to see George Harris doing so well in the national team, although he's only been in and out of the side since is first game in 1971.

Harris was good when attacking against New Zealand in Melbourne and if winger **Ian Ormond** got the better of him at times, it was only because George was playing on the left, his wrong side.

I've always thought that George Harris should be in the Australian team because he's such a good marker, such an inspiring team man and of such impeccable character.

As captain of St George, he's had a tremendous run of successes. Under is leadership, the Saints won the 1975 Ampol Cup and the 1974 and 1975 championships.

Harris was starting to establish himself in the national team when he was injured in the 2-2 draw with Bulgaria in Sydney in 1973.

His replacement was none other than his brother-in-law Doug Utjesenovic and I don't think Utjesenovic has missed a match since 1973.

It's interesting to note that only **Manfred Schaefer, Attila Abonyi** and I have played more games for St George than George Harris.

George's younger brother Barry is also in the Saints' senior squad, and their father has been a hard-working official with the St George junior association.

George's older brother, John, plays for Sans Souci which produced George and Barry, **Neville Morgan** and **Colin Bennett.**

Actually, George Harris could have been an even better player than he is today. In 1967 and 1968 he had to neglect soccer because he was attending teachers' college at Wagga.

It'll be interesting to see what happens when the other two international left backs, **Col Curran** and **Harry Williams** return to the national squad.

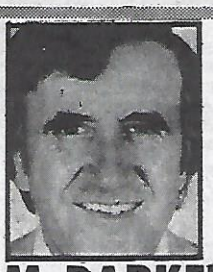
It's been said that Curran will probably play in midfield.

Utjeseneovic could be moved into the middle as sweeper, leaving room for Harris at right back and Wiliams at left back.

I'd say Utjesenovic would be the better right back against a weaker team, because in a game like that he would have the opportunity for creative play.

Harris would have the advantage against the stronger team because of his tight marking and ability to win the ball.

The composition of the Australian team's defence will be the subject of a future column in "Soccer Action".



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Lack of fitness is not our greatest problem

After every encounter with a well performed overseas team, there appears to be a general consensus of opinion that we cannot match full time professionals in fitness and that this is the main reason why we lost or drew the game.

Basically this is quite correct. Our players tend to tire as the game progresses, particularly in midfield, allowing the opposition to take control.

Obviously, full time professionals will be generally fitter than our part timers.

Better training facilities, unlimited time, greater financial motivation, top class competition and, let's face it, in some cases better coaching methods, see to that.

However, putting the emphasis on fitness alone, or rather the lack of it, is an oversimplification of our problems, and may be harmful, particularly if people involved with juniors believe that all is well, we are producing the players, all they need is more fitness and we can take on the best in the world.

Unfortunately, nothing could be further from the truth.

Let me state that I do not go along with our "knockers" who grab every opportunity to rubbish our standard.

I believe that we have a number of good players in this country and can produce good competitive matches at club level, certainly worth better following than we enjoy at present.

We also have promising juniors who, given the right opportunities, would have the ability to progress to better things.

The fact remains however, that we have a long way to go to be a force in world soccer, and lack of fitness is not the only, and I am sure not our main handicap either.

Look at the valiant efforts of our Socceroos who deservedly covered themselves in glory after getting through to Munich and then putting up respectable performances against the two Germanys and Chile.

That was a full time professional team. Albeit for a period only, they were eating, drinking and sleeping soccer under a capable professional management headed by Rale Rasic.

They produced their best, were brave in defence but let's face it, never really looked like winning — and winning of course is what the game is all about.

At one of the lectures I attended, the definition of fitness was given as follows:-

"Fitness is that state of an organism which will permit the completion of a given task."

Rale assessed his playing strength, and in my opinion set a task to restrict the opposition's score and finish with a respectable result.

This was achieved and therefore we must conclude that the team was fit enough for the task.

On the other hand, had he given instructions to attack at all costs, the team, apart perhaps against Chile, would have certainly failed

By KEN KONTRA, Director of Coaching for the Victorian Soccer Coaches Federation and also coach of Victorian State League club Slavia.

and not because of the level of fitness, but simply because the German teams were superior in skill.

Therefore it follows, that the "given task" must be within the capabilities of the participants, otherwise other factors and not fitness, will determine the outcome of the game.

In the recent international match against the Russians in Melbourne — by the way, one of our best performances — I was particularly impressed with Muniz in midfield.

He worked hard, took free kicks, throw ins, corners from both flanks; in other words he was involved in everything.

In the second half he gradually faded out of the game. No wonder! He did more running than any of the full time players from Russia!

So his tiredness was a result of uneven work distribution rather than lack of professional fitness.

Generally, our players are forced to do more work than their more capable opponents, due to:

- lack of balance in the team
- inaccurate passing,
- bad positional play, and
- the resultant inability to hold the ball.

The ultimate system, "total soccer", is physically very demanding, as players constantly interchange positions, defenders become attackers and vice versa, but because of better work distribution and more economical use of the players, a team playing this style will have an advantage over an equally fit team playing a more conventional system, relying on, say, three midfielders to do most of the running.

So, even the system and tactics adopted have a bearing on how "fit" the players appear to be during a match.

Tactics and systems of course depend on the ability of the players available to the coach and for "total soccer" you need "total" soccer players, players who can play in any position on the field, read the game and run of the ball effectively, and have superior ball control to deal with the ball with confidence in any given situation.

Soccer is a running game but not of the athletic type where the competitor starts when he hears the starting gun and follows a set course.

In soccer the question is not how much you run but when, where and why you run and what you will do when you get there?

Fitness and skill cannot be separated in competitive soccer. Skill will deteriorate when fatigue sets in and no matter how fit an individual is, unless he has skill, he is not a soccer player.

However, the emphasis must be on skill as it requires talent, a lot of practice and the right type of coaching during the formative junior years.

Fitness on the other hand, is relatively easy to attain. For a healthy person it is only a question of time and application.

To summarise, we are only clouding the issue and dealing with symptoms rather than the malady when we put down all our problems to lack of fitness.

Even if we gave full professional status to our senior players, the improvement in physical fitness would not compensate for other shortcomings and we still could not take on the best in the world in a positive manner, and succeed.

I realise that while trying to point out some of our problems, I have not given any detailed suggestions to overcome them.

It is easy to say that we need more skilful players. To get them of course is another story, and this is what it is going to be — another story — in a future issue of SOCCER ACTION.

Idea from from Hong Kong is big boon to players

As an ex-member of the Hakoah Soccer Club and current member of South Melbourne Hellas, I have on several occasions paid entrance fees to play soccer.

JIM ARMSTRONG

Isn't it about time that the soccer federation, or the people responsible for the allocation of tickets to each soccer club, supplied the clubs with sufficient tickets so that all players receive two tickets instead of one?

Sometimes players who do not receive two tickets give their ticket to their wives or girlfriends, send them into the ground, then wait outside themselves until other tickets have been found, or some good natured committee man supplied the entrance fee out of his own pocket.

As an alternative to this poor ticket allocation I would like to see the V.S.F. bring in Player Passes similar to the ones used by the Hong Kong Soccer Federation.

Each player is supplied with a pass bearing his signature and photograph, and stamped by the ruling body.

This pass will enable a player to take his wife or girlfriend or a friend into any match, other than international matches free of charge.

If a player loses or misplaces this card, he must be prepared to pay admission in the usual way.

This would save the V.S.F. the cost of printing tickets every week and put some responsibility on to the players to look after their passes.

LAWS OF THE GAME

with former referee ENDRE KOREN

How well do we know the laws of the game? How well does a coach, a secretary of a club, a player or a spectator know the laws of the game?

In the past 18 years various papers have been published in Australia about soccer, but none of them discussed the laws.

Are they not important enough or is it too delicate a subject to publish? It is most vital to know the Laws, because both the players and the spectators benefit from a clear knowledge of them.

On a page of this publication I intend to discuss the Laws of the Game.

I will illustrate with drawings and diagrams various positions and the markings of the field.

I will give you from week to week a question about the laws and give you an answer the following week.

So stay with me and improve your knowledge.

Here is my first question. Please think about it and test yourself till next week, when I will give you the answer:

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United '76 better than the 'Babes'

Three of Manchester United's greatest stars, Bobby Charlton, Stan Pearson and Shay Brennan, met recently at the club's headquarters at Old Trafford and agreed that the present United side which is one of the favorites for the English League championships is as good as, if not better then any of the former United teams.

By FRANK TAYLOR, 'Daily Mirror'

Bobby Charlton gets in a header against Tom Randles (left) and David High in Manchester United's match against Victoria in 1967.

This is high praise indeed. Ever since the end of World War 11 United has been trendsetter as well as trophy winner.

Pearson, an England international inside forward, played for United in the immediate postwar years when **Sir Matt Busby** was starting his managerial career. That team won one League title and the Football Association (FA) Cup in a six-year run which also included being runner-up in the League four times.

"We believed in fast, open football, with two fast raiding wingers, **Delaney** and **Mitten**," says Stan Pearson, "and the present United also believes in fast raiding wingers and all-out attack."

Charlton and Brennan played in the "Busby Babes" team which suffered so tragically in the Munich air disaster. That side, which also included **Duncan Edwards, Eddie Coleman, Roger Byrne, Tommy Taylor** and **Liam Whelan** was on the threshold of great things when the accident happened.

The team, on its way home by air from Yugoslavia in February 1958 after having drawn in the European competition with Red Star Belgrave, had made a stop at Munich. On take-off the plane crashed and of the 44 players and officials aboard, 21 were killed, including seven players.

"It could have been the greatest team ever," Charlton told me. "But one cannot live in the past. We had a great team in the 1960s when we won the League and FA Cup and eventually the European Cup with players such as **Pat Crerand, Denis Law, Bill Foulkes,** and of course **George Best.**"

Then Charlton admitted that what pleased him about the current Manchester United side was its adventurous play away from home at a time when so many clubs adopt safety first actions.

"It must be good for football," says Charlton. "Spectators want to see goals and exciting attacking play — and these wingers, **Steve Coppell** and **Gordon Hill** are giving us flashes of what old-fashioned wing play was all about."

So Manchester United, just as in the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s is setting a trend many clubs are anxious to follow.

It has turned back the clock by using wing men raiding along the touchlines to keep defences at full stretch. And this is all due to manager **Tommy Docherty** who said at the start of the season:

"I just want the lads to go out and enjoy themselves — to challenge for every ball, and when they've got it to stretch the opposition to the limit. I believe United has a tradition to live up to and that is to entertain the crowds both home and away."

The fact that United has been watched by well over one million spectators already this season is proof indeed that policy pays off — not only in results but at the turnstiles.

BOBBY BOOSTS IRISH GATES

Bobby Charlton retired as a player with Manchester United when he became manager of Preston North End. He resumed playing two season ago to try to win promotion for North End before deciding his playing days were over.

Now his former team mate **Shay Brennan** has persuaded Charlton to put his boots on once again — for the Irish club Waterford.

"He will inspire the youngsters," said Shay.

Charlton also inspired the fans. The normal gate of 2000 has been quadrupled to 8000. But Bobby plans to play only a few matches for the Irish club: "It keeps me fit and if I can help I am happy," he says.

Breitner's absence Bayern's dilemma

The extent to which a team relies on its finest player has been demonstrated in reverse in West Germany.

Since **Paul Breitner** left Bayern Munich, the one-time glamor team has fallen on hard times.

Bayern's midfielder and World Cup player **Uli Hoeness,** makes no secret of Bayern's problem.

Hoeness says Breitner's fighting qualities and inexhaustible energy have proved to be irreplaceable.

More important, Breitner was an innovator.

"When a game hung in the balance, when our backs were against the wall, Breitner abandoned his defensive role and threw himself headlong into attack," says Hoeness. "We now lack a player of this type."

Former Bayern manager **Udo Latteck,** now the brains behind the mighty Borussia Moenchengladbach, says Breitner was the only player who could have stepped in for **Franz Beckenbauer** when he retires.

Of course Bayern Munich's loss has been Real Madrid's gain.

Breitner is now the king pin of the Spanish team.

Paul Breitner (left) and Uli Hoeness sign autographs for Bayern Munich fans.

Only 3 Germans are 'world class'

The latest assessment by the mass circulation "Kicker" magazine of West Germany's top footballers, once again spotlights the modesty of its commentators.

Only three German players were voted as "world class" . . . goalkeeper **Sepp Maier,** defender **Berti Vogts** and national team captain and sweeper **Franz Beckenbauer.**

In the category "international class", the commentators included: goalkeepers **Kleff** (Borussia Moenchengladbach), **Kargus** (Hamburger SV) and **Franke** (Eintracht Braunschweig); midfielders **Wimmer** (Borussia MG), **Grabowski** (E. Frankfur), **Beer** (Hertha), **Stielike** (Borussia MG) and **Danner** (Borussia MG) and strikers **Hoelzenbein** (Eintracht Frankfurt) and **Heynckes** (Borussia MG).

Gone from Kicker's last assessment are **Bonhof** (Borussia MG), **Kliemann** (Hertha), **Korbel** (E. Frankfurt) and **Neumann** (Koeln).

Uli Stielike

Pele's boss

Ken Furphy, former manager of Watford and Sheffield United, has been appointed coach of Pele's team, the New York Cosmos.

Iran flexing its muscles

Iran is going from strength to strength as a football power in the Third World.

Last month, Iran organised a tournament for national sides restricted to players between 18 and 20 years.

Teams from Brazil, Poland, North Korea, USSR, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Italy and Yugoslavia competed along with Iran.

Iran now boasts more than 400 clubs, 2000 teams and about 43,000 players.

Australia should take note. The Socceroos may have to

A European super league

Noted soccer writer Paul Radford, writing in the latest edition of "World Soccer" suggests a European Super League comprising the following clubs:

Real Madrid, Benfica, AC Milan, Inter Milan, Celtic, Manchester United, Feyenoord, Ajax Amsterdam, Bayern Munch, Dynamo Kiev, Hajduk Split, Borussia Moenchengladbach, Anderlecht, Liverpool and Barcelo.

Mouth-watering, isn't

Irishman is top scorer

Europe's leading marksman at the moment is Brendan Bradley, of Finn Harps, which plays in the League of Ireland.

Bradley has been a regular goalscorer over the past six and a half seasons, managing well over 100, including his one season with Lincoln City in the English

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RATINGS, STATISTICS

Australia 3 (Barnes 7th, Ollerton 14th, Abonyi 70th) New Zealand 1 (Taylor 74th).
Player ratings, out of 10:
AUSTRALIA: Clarke 6; Utjesenovic 6, Wilson 6, Bennett 6, Harris 6; Harding 8, Muniz 7, Rooney 6; Abonyi 6 (Nyskohus 72nd), Ollerton 8, Barnes 8.
NEW ZEALAND: Jeram 5; Sibley 5, Houghton 5, Elrick 6, Park 5; Turner 5, Fleet 6, Taylor 5; Mulgrew 5, Thomas 5, Ormond 7.
Referee: Stewart Mellings (Vic). Crowd: About 6000.

	AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND	
	1st half	2nd half	1st half	2nd half
Shots at goal	6	9	4	4
Goals	2	1	0	1
Corners	2	5	4	2
Offsides	1	1	1	2
Free kicks	5	5	11	5

BARNES TOPS IN EASY MATCH

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The emergence of Murray Barnes as a top-class striker and the further development of Australia's attacking style were the most pleasing aspects of the Socceroos' 3-1 victory over New Zealand at Olympic Park.

Other impressions that came out of the game:

- It was one of the easiest matches Australia has had in many years and New Zealand would have to improve dramatically to pose any sort of threat in the World Cup elimination series next year;
- Australia is yet to develop a killer instinct;
- The team's defensive set-up could be improved

In an easy match like this, centre lacks **Peter Wilson** and **Col Bennett** could surely have played the constructive ball rather than walloping it.

Sometimes there was uncertainty in the middle, and it was this uncertainty that resulted in New Zealand's only goal.

Perhaps it would be wise to try out a constructive centre back.

Belting the ball aimlessly out of defence amounts to giving it away to your opponents. Playing a good pass means keeping the ball on your own side.

It has been suggested that **Doug Utjesenovic** would solve the problem if he played as sweeper. Utjesenovic is a skilful, constructive player who would prove the perfect foil for the destructive **Peter Wilson.**

Murray Barnes

Peter Ollerton passes John Houghton (left) the last obstacle between him and the goal, and . . .

. . . is congratulated by Murray Barnes (right) and George Harris (left) after he has scored Australia's second goal.

The defensive set-up would be improved if one of the midfielders paid more attention to covering the back four.

Left back **George Harris** was effective on the overlap and, indeed, played a part in getting the ball to **Murray Barnes** for that first goal.

However, in defence, Harris was too often troubled by tricky winger **Ian Ormond.**

Coach Brian Green conceded after the game that his team lacked the killer instinct after leading 2-0.

Content to be in front, the players coasted instead of ramming home their superiority.

This attitude will prove costly against better teams.

Overall, however, Australia's good points far outweighed its bad points.

Big **Peter Ollerton** was in dashing form, and his work-rate was incredible, especially in the first half when he was even seen tackling on defence.

He and Barnes murdered the New Zealand defence and found openings for many dangerous shots.

The midfield couldn't be faulted either.

Agenor Muniz was shrewd and skilful. **Dave Harding** was the best of the three and **Jimmy Rooney,** that wily old fox, found space all over the park, especially on the left flank where New Zealand's defence was particularly slack.

It was great to see **Attila Abonyi** back in action. He didn't have a lot of the ball but when he did get it, he was always tricky and unpredictable.

Peter Wilson gets in a tangle with New Zealand striker Earle Thomas. Pictures by PETER COX

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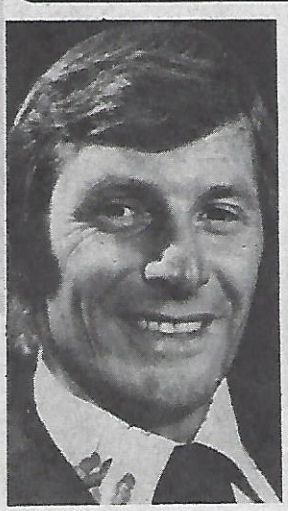
What the coaches said



Brian Green

We could have won 6-0

BRIAN GREEN
Australia

Our team is shaping up well and we showed that we can play attractive, attacking soccer.

We matched New Zealand's aggression and then went looking for goals.

Murray Barnes was outstanding. He's getting better with every match. The defenders just couldn't handle him and he did some excellent running.

Peter Ollerton was just as good and with a little luck he would have got at least three goals. We also benefited from **Otti Abonyi's** skill and experience, which took much of the load off Ollerton and Barnes.

The only reason I took Abonyi off after he'd scored that third goal was that I wanted to give young **Johnny Nyskohus** a run. We all know what Abonyi can do, but we haven't had the chance to see all that much of Nyskohus.

There were a few things I wasn't happy about.

First, there was the goal. We were a bit slack there. It should not have been scored.

Also, in the first half, we started treating the game as an exhibition. A good side will make you suffer when it's leading 2-0, but we let New Zeland off the hook.

I told my players to pull their socks up and they were better after half time.

On the overall chances, I'd say we could have won by six goals.

Dave Harding was great in midfield. He was one of my top three players, as he was in Auckland.

Agenor Muniz, who was off form in Auckland, was a much improved player and **Jimmy Rooney** found tons of room on the left.

I don't think we showed New Zealand too much of our hand. Just wait and see what we can really do. The best is yet to come.

Strikers killed us early

BARRIE TRUMAN
New Zealand

The Australian forward line showed a lot of sharpness and experience.

They really killed us early. If we had held them for the first half hour or so, we would have been in with a chance, because Australia did lose momentum during the first half.

I was most impressed with **Ollerton** and especially **Barnes,** who worked extremely well together.

Our defence contributed to our downfall by trying to play football in the back rather then clearing with long balls. We certainly paid for our errors.

New Zealand doesn't have the same standard of forward play as Australia, because we haven't had time to develop it.

However, we have the players to expose your defence and we were unfortunate not to have scored at least one more goal.

I said after the Auckland game that Australia was a very ordinary bunch but I see now that your players can work excellently together.

However, they sparkled only in a few breaks. It wasn't sustained.

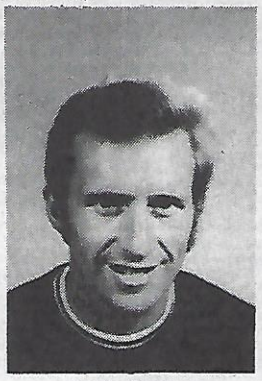
If I can come here and get away with say a 1-2 loss in the away leg of our World Cup tie, I'll be more than happy, because we'll give you a hell of a game in Auckland.

Of the Australian midfielders, I like **Agenor Muniz** best. He had a bad game in Auckland but he impressed me this time.

In regard to my own players' performance, I'd say **Warren Fleet** played quite well in midfield and **Adrian Elrick** was quite sound in defence.

Ian Ormond caused quite a few problems in Australia's defence. He took George Harris to the cleaners and got to the line quite often.

We learned a lot from these two games and I feel we'll be in with a real chance come next July.



Barrie Truman

Ian Ormond (top) and Warren Fleet, New Zealand's best players.

How the goals were scored

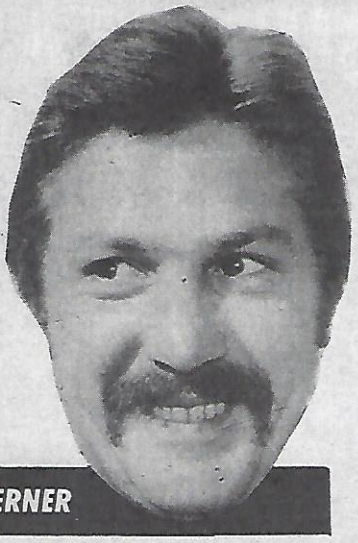
7th minute: Ollerton wins the ball on the left wing, passes to George Harris who gives it to Barnes and Barnes rams it home from 25 metres. 1-0.

14th minute: Ollerton goes on a solo run, skirts the defence and puts the ball past the mesmerised goalkeeper. 2-0. Minutes later Ollerton has another great chance but his swipe at the ball misses altogether after Abonyi has cut back from the line.

70th minute: Barnes runs through acres of open territory to the post, calls for the ball from Ollerton at the far corner and heads Ollerton's cross towards goal. Defender Tony Silbey gets in the way and heads it out but the ball goes to Abonyi who heads it back, over the head of Jeram into the net. 3-0.

74th minute: Warren Fleet, one of New Zealand's best players, hits a shot goal which goalkeeper Todd Clarke punches out. With the Australian defence in a shambles, Dave Taylor nips in and goals 3-1.

Presenting: my Ode to Victoria



KNUT WERNER

Last week in Letters to the Editor, I received my first critic. Mr Millan Poropat said he disagreed with my views on how soccer should be run as a form of entertainment.

He also complained about the lack of a chant, song or cheer to unite all members of the clubs behind the State team.

He asked whether there was not a poet among us who could compose a State team panegyric.

Mr Poropat, I accept your challenge!

Here is my Ode to the Victoria team, to be used on all reverent occasions, and especially timely now that they're talking about bringing back games between the States.

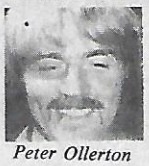
It is written with the same compassion and meaningfulness of all the great anthems of the world.

I have gone a little further than the famous English repetitive chant "You'll never walk alone", used by several clubs.

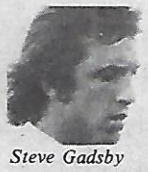
When you get around to repeating my Ode to Victoria, the game will be all over.

It should be recited in the same vein as "I love a Sunburnt Country" or conversely, "Mulga Bill's bicycle".

We are the boys from Vic League
And here to pay our dues.
We'll smash all comers to the ground.
And crush them with our shoes.
We'll murder all the other sides
That dare to visit us,
With fearful Ollerton, violent Vojtek
And dreaded Art Xanthopoulos.



Peter Ollerton

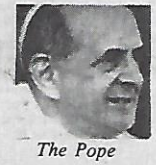


Steve Gadsby

We have the flying Dutchmen
From Wilhelmina, too,
With header, kick and dribble
To stomp all over you.
There is no match for Pocock,
Gadsby, Blair or Wallace,
So be careful when you meet them
Or by George they'll give you Hellas.

We'll run you to exhaustion
And dazzle with verve and fire.
Like flies you'll drop around us
But never will McIntyre.
Call out your finest sportsmen,
We care not how they rate,
For we will call for Slavia
And on Alexander the Great.

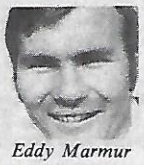
Bill McIntyre



The Pope

Our goals are scored in rapids,
Our movements are never at loss
For John Webb, Jim Smart and Maitland
Know well the quick George Cross.
So when you play the Vic team,
Of victory give up hope,
For from the land of pizza
We have Juventus and the Pope.

Not only is God on our side
But Eddy Marmur, Baker and Kupicz,
And with the aid of Hakoah
We've cornered the market in Jewish.
If, for a second there may be doubt
And we need a goal or two,
We'll call out the Scottish Sunshine,
Then wet all over you.



Eddy Marmur

Norm Maitland

So when you play the Vic team,
To us it's one big lark,
As all the world is well aware,
Our bite's worse than our Mooroolbark.
We are a team of champions,
We aim to win or bust
But be told of all our fairness,
'Cause above all else we're JUST.

Take Szalinksi, Herman, Klain and Klain
And you get the team Polonia
But with Laumets, Campbell and McCracken
That is how you Makedonia.
You see this proves how strong we are,
For when these words are spoken,
Our savoir faire will make all cringe
'Cause our anthem's full of jokin'.

Peter Laumets

van Ryn and Hakoah part

Neither Sydney's Hakoah nor the Australian team would be complete without Peter van Ryn attending to the sick and wounded. Last weekend Hakoah was incomplete.

Peter had a few words to say about the removal of Murray Barnes and Hilton Silva from the game against Wests which Hakoah lost 1-2 weeks ago.

But, it seems, he spoke his mind once too often.

New coach **George Keith** apparently felt Peter should stick to his bandages and leave the coaching to the coach. So Peter was asked to resign — which he did.

"It is a wrench parting the club after almost 20 years," said Peter. But he is unlikely to be without a club for long, and the Australian team will remain complete.

VIOLENCE ENDS 'FRIENDLY'

Crowd violence disrupted a "friendly" game between Juventus and Ajax at St Albans last Saturday.

The match was abandoned about 10 minutes from half time, amidst a free-for-all involving about 30 people. Ajax was leading 3-1.

Juventus full back **Morris Bonfieni** and Ajax coach **Mike de Bruyckere** were in the midst of the fighting.

Juventus fielded a team comprised mainly of reserves.

JUST's World Cup goalkeeper **Jimmy Milisavljevic**, who is seeking a transfer, sat on the Juventus bench.

MURPHY WANTS TO MOVE

Slavia midfielder **Charlie Murphy** told the club after its game against Polonia that he would not play for it again and that he wants a transfer.

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State trials

Trials for the Under 12 to Under 15 Victorian representative teams, to compete in the national championships, will be held at the following venues.

March 20: U/12 Overport SC, 1 p.m.

U/13 Albion Rovers SC, 9.30 a.m.

U/14 Waverley SC 1 p.m.

U/14 Monash Uni 9.30 a.m.

March 27: U/12 Albion Rovers SC, 1 p.m.

U/13 Waverley SC, 1 p.m.

U/14 Monash Uni 9.30 a.m.

U/13 Overport SC 1 p.m.

April 3: U/12 Waverley SC 1 p.m.

U/13 Donc. Rovers SC, 1 p.m.

U/14 Overport SC, 1 p.m.

U/15 Albion Rovers SC, vers SC 1 p.m.

April 10: U/12 Donc. Robers SC 1 p.m.

U/13 Overport SC, 1 p.m.

U/14 Albion Rovers SC, 1 p.m.

U/15 Waverley SC, 1 p.m.

DRIBBLING

Dribbling is an exciting part of soccer and one of the skills which all players should try to develop.

There are different ways in which an attacker may dribble and get the ball behind a defender, but there are certain principles which need to be considered.

(A) A good dribbler will usually keep the ball within playing distance.

(B) He will be balanced and able to change direction and speed very quickly.

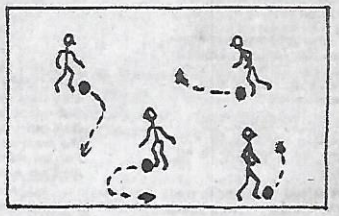
(C) He will try to get the defender off balance either by moving the ball or feinting to move with his body.

In the early stages players should practise running with the ball, changing direction, stopping, starting and suddenly changing pace.

A characteristic of the learner is watching the ball, whereas the experienced player runs with the ball and looks for passing or shooting opportunities at the same time.

The following practices are given in order to help develop this ability.

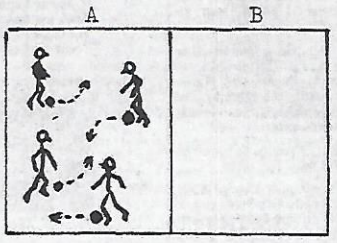
Practice 1



Each player moves freely in the area and on the word "STOP" the player must put his foot on the ball. Players should be made to change direction and speed without losing control of the ball.

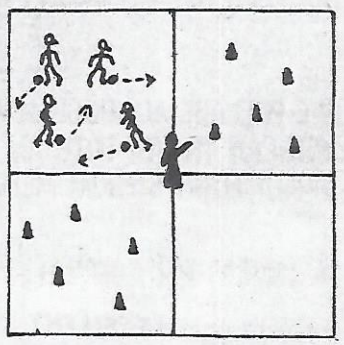
When this is achieved the players should be helped to increase their range of vision by looking ahead of the ball and not at it.

Practice 2



The players move freely and may try to kick another player's ball out of the area, while still keeping control of his own ball. Players who lose their ball must go into area B, until one player is left in area A.

Practice 3



The players move freely and must try to take quick glances at the coach while still keeping control of the ball. The coach may point to an area and the players have to move into it as quickly as possible.

Skittles may be used as obstacles to dribble round and pass the ball at if so desired.

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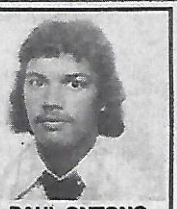

PAUL ONTONG

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Q: What is your aim in soccer? (Question by Paul Smithers, Parramatta Road, Leichhardt, NSW).

A: I would like to play in an Australian national team. But my biggest aim is to play overseas — especially England — whether it's with an Australian side or not. I would like to see if I am good enough to make the grade over there.

Q: How long have you been playing soccer with and with what clubs have you played during your career? (Question by Stan Stevocs, Heatherton Road, Dandenong, Vic.).

A: I started playing soccer at the age of 10, with a South African under 17 team called Rangers. I played there until I came to Australia in 1971, and spent a year with Brighton juniors. The following season I did not play and in 1973 crossed to Mitcham, before signing up with Mooroolbark in 1974.

Q: Have you any worries about overcoming your cartilage operation and what type of training have you been doing to get over it (Question by Andrew Sparks, Araluen Avenue, St Mary's, NSW).

A: For the past six weeks I have been doing weightlifting and this has helped strengthen my leg. I have recently started full scale training with the Mooroolbark team. I will make sure I'm fully fit before starting to play competitive games.

Q: Who has had the biggest influence on your career? (Question by Roger Zimmer. Cardinia Street, Belmont, Vic.).

A: My father and Brian Edgley. Dad has taken me everywhere, watched me play most games and given me tons of encouragement. Brian Edgley has also been a source of constant encouragement — particularly when my game was going down. I played under him for two years when he was coaching Mooroolbark and he taught me the finer points of the game.

Q: What have you heard of the standard of Sydney soccer, and would you like to play here? (Question by Spiro Vella, Bondi Road, Bondi, NSW).

A: I would like to play in Sydney one day if an offer happened to come along. I have spoken to some of Victoria's senior players and they don't believe there was much difference in the standard of soccer played in Melbourne and Sydney. I'd like to play in Sydney because there's more chance of being picked to play for the national team than if you live in Melbourne.

Polonia the conqueror

Polonia's under 15 team won the 1975 league and cup despite having to forfeit two games.

Polonia won those two games — 14.0 against Hakoah and 7-1 against J.U.S.T. — but lost the points because of a problem with players' passports.

Some of the boys, pictured above with friends are: **Charlie Yankos, John Vathis, Frank Kuczynski** (vice-captain), **Nicky Meletis** (captain), **Andrew Esposito, Evangleo Borucinski** (top scorer), **Paul Petridis** and **Ted Czepal.**

They are coached by **Father Richard Gamanski,** a Catholic priest and former Polonia player.

ESSENDON EXPANDS

Essendon juniors will this year field five teams — two more than last year.

The age groups are under 9, under 10, under 12, under 14 and under 16.

Training and registration started last week. Boys in the Essendon, Brunswick and Coburg areas are welcome to join.

Danny Dezic, 10, of Reservoir, is described as the most courageous player at Essendon Juniors.

Playing in the under 12 team last year, Danny tackled hard and without hesitation boys twice his size.

A master of the sliding tackle, he also loves to come forward to back up the strikers and his timing is excellent.

Marc Davies, 8, of Pascoe Vale, has been playing well since he was six years old and was a regular with Essendon's under 9 team last year.

Good at crossing the ball and snapping up the opportunist goal, Marc was the third highest goalscorer in his age group last year.

'Cross in training

George Cross advises that its under 14, under 15 and under 16 players are now training at Princes Park Monday and Wednesday nights.

The players are asked to report to the new junior manager Charlie Cassimatis

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The Metro Scene with LES SHORROCK

Werribee springs surprise on strong Newport

The Metropolitan and Provisional League clubs have swung into action with a vengeance, with 53 taking part in the mid-week Cumberland Cup 1st round, and most also engaged in a Dockerty Cup preliminary round last Saturday.

Following the success of last year's inaugural Cumberland Cup, the format has been altered to accommodate Provisional League teams.

There are four geographic divisions as before, but with 55 entries it was decided to make it a straight knock-out and not a round robin competition.

After the initial round last week there are now eight survivors in each area and these will produce an area winner who will receive a cup and $250 and enter the semi-finals.

The final will be played at Wembley Park, Box Hill's ground, on April 4.

The winner will receive, in addition to the handsome Cumberland Cup itself, $1000 in cash and the losing finalist $500.

The final will be preceded by a match between the losing semi-finalists to determine third place.

RESULTS: First Round, West Section: Ballarat 7 Corio 0, Newport 2 Werribee 3, Bell Park 2 Albion Rovers 1, Western Suburbs 3 Geelong 2, Hamlyn Rangers 3 Central Altona 1, St Albans 0 Altona City 3. Byes: Keilor, Keilor City.

There were two surprising results in this section — the wins of Werribee away at Newport and the meritorious win of Third Division Bell Park over First Division championship contenders Albion Rovers.

Last season, Newport was in the Second Division championship race right up to the last few games and was extremely hard to overcome at home, so this performance by Provisional Leaguer Werribee seems to indicate that it will be a strong contender in its League this year.

Werribee travels to Bell Park for the next round and that game should be a cracker.

Bell Park's game with Albion Rovers was hard and clean and marred only by the high wind.

Albion suffered a blow when its brilliant forward **Alan Lenders** had to leave the field after a quarter of an hour with a pulled hamstring muscle.

North Section: North Carlton v Hotham United (postponed), Essendon City v Carlton (walkover to Carlton), Moreland v Richmond (w.o. to Richmond), Green Gully 2 Essendon Lions 2 (Green Gully won 5-4 on penalties), Prahran City 1 Fawkner 1 (Prahran won 3-2 on penalties), Univ of Melb 1 Broadmeadows City 4. Byes: Princes Park, Port Melbourne.

The North section suffered by the failure of Essendon City and Richmond to field teams.

I hope these clubs will be reminded that the Cup, being a VSF competition, takes precedence over friendly matches.

However, the section probably had the most exciting tie — Green Gully v Essendon Lions.

Green Gully led first with a goal from **Franz Behrens** who headed home a cross from **Roy Collins.**

Then Gully was awarded a penalty which **Dave McCurry** missed, but won another shortly afterwards and this time **Mick Banagan** converted.

Frank Petersen, the Lions goalkeeper, signed from Hellas, saved well from **Mario Borg** before Lions too was awarded a penalty.

This was scored by **Branko Culina** and at half-time the score was 2-1.

Lions came out after the interval full of fight, and after **Mick Borg** had had several good saves in the Gully goal, his team equalised and the match went into extra time.

This produced no chance, and then it was penalties, with Green Gully taking first turn.

It scored all five and Lions missed their fifth, so Gully ran out winner on penalties 5-4 and the onlookers were left speculating on how long it would be before they saw 13 penalties in a game again.

East Section: Box Hill 5 Caulfield City 2, South Yarra 3 Doncaster Rovers 4, Melbourne 0 Springvale City 1. Byes: Ringwood United, Croydon, Nunawading City, Bayswater United, Waverley City.

This section produced one of the day's shocks, as Melbourne found out that cup soccer is a great leveller.

Melbourne, relegated from the State League last year, went under to Springvale which struggled in the Second Division last year.

Box Hill, Second Division champion last year, had a hard fight with Caulfield, but eventually won 5-2.

South Section: Rosebud 1 v Frankston Pines 2, Frankston City 1 v Brighton 0, Monash Univ 1 v Moorabbin 2, Sandringham 0 v Doveton 3, Morwell Falcons 2 v South Dandenong 3, Mornington 1 v Langwarrin 2, Clayton 1 v Dandenong City 3, Chelsea 1 v Yallourn 3.

This was the most crowded section, with eight ties and the most surprising factor was that only one home team was successful.

Most surprising was the win of South Dandenong at Morwell, where the Falcons were unbeaten last season.

Hammy McMeechan

Provisional League champion Morwell had an unhappy week, for on the previous Saturday it lost to District Leaguer East Brunswick in the Dockerty Cup.

Yallourn, which had an unhappy season last year, did well to win at Chelsea's new ground, and Dandenong City, semi-finalists last year, won as expected at Clayton.

Frankston Pines, under the coaching of ex-Australian international Hammy McMeechan, followed up its 7-2 win away to Morwell Rangers in the Dockerty Cup with a good away win at Rosebud.

SECOND ROUND DRAW:

North: Broadmeadows v Port Melbourne, Green Gully v Carlton, N. Carlton/Hotham v Moreland, Princes Park v Prahran.

West: Ballarat v Western Suburbs, Bell Park v Werribee, Keilor v Hamlyn Rangers, Keilor C v Altona C.

East: Bayswater Un v Croydon C, Ringwood Un v Springvale C, Box Hill v Nunawading, Waverley v Doncaster Rovers.

South: Yallourn v Doveton, Dandenong v Frankston, Langwarrin v Moorabbin, Frankston Pines v Sth Dandenongs.

These matches must be played on or before Sunday, March 14, and all home secretaries are reminded that they must inform the VSF of their match arrangements as soon as possible in order to facilitate refereeing appointments.

Frankston has Pryde

Last week we wrote that Frankston City was seeking a new coach, but the search was almost immediately over, for after its Cumberland Cup tie on Thursday, the Frankston committee announced that **John Pryde** had been appointed.

John, who came to Juventus from Clyde in Scotland, has had a wealth of experience, having played in South Africa as well as for Juventus, George Cross, Lions, Hellas and Albion Rovers here.

Benton for Box Hill

In a last minute move last Saturday morning, **Mick Benton,** Brighton's talented right back, was transferred to Box Hill in time to play against his old club, Frankston City, in the Dockerty Cup.

Glen Palmer

Con Ageres injured

Sandringham City centre back and club president, Con Ageres, is in hospital after a serious accident in the Dockerty Cup match against Monash last Saturday.

Ageres collided heavily with a Monash player and collapsed, unconscious.

He was rushed to the Alfred Hospital and latest reports say he has serious concussion.

Sandringham beat Monash 3-1 with two goals by former Clayton player **Gerry Boggan** and one by **George Drda.**

Sandringham's best players were **Glen Palmer** and **Rudi Poci.**

DOCKERTY CUP 2nd PRELIMINARY ROUND:

Essendon City 3 Kensington 1. Doveton 2 Cartre 0, Ferntree Gully 2 RMIT 1, Geelong 2 Frankston Pines 4, Corio 0 VRI 3, Sandringham City 3 Monash University 1, Croydon City 4 Hawthorn 1, Ringwood United 3 Ericsson 2, Moreland 2 Ford Falcons 1, St Albans 1 Hamlyn Rangers 0, Bosch 1 South Dandenong 4 (AET), North Springvale 1 Waverley City 2, Public Works 1 Princes Park 3, Newport 2 Albion Rovers 1, Melton 0 Chelsea 2, University of Melbourne 0 Essendon Lions 6, Doncaster Rovers 1 Werribee 3, Monbulk 3 Mornington 0, McCall 1 Bell Park 3, Carlton 2 Bayswater United 3, South Yarra 1 Springvale City 4, Coburg 5 Yallourn 1, Croxton 0 Keilor 2, Moorabbin City 3 Kuringal United 1, East Brunswick 3 Sunbury 3 (AET) (Sunbury won pen 4-2), Richmond 0 Port Melbourne 2, Box Hill 4 Frankston City 0, Broadmeadows City 4 Nunawading City 1, Morwell Fortuna 0 Fawkner 2, Carnegie 3, Thomastown 2, Prahran City 6 Cadbury 2.

Royal achievement by Palace

LONDON, — Crystal Palace has become the first side from the Third Dvision to reach the English Football Association cup semi-finals since 1959.

Palace made it three in a row by beating Sunderland 1-0.

Palace soaked up unrelenting pressure from the Sunderland attackers and scored against the run of play 15 minutes from time, through **Alan Whittle.**

It will play either Derby County, Southhampton, Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers, in the semi final.

Palace has earned a home match, but on its cup record it has no reason to fear anyone, anywhere. Its manager, **Malcolm Allison,** insists his club is going all the way.

Derby Country beat Newcastle 4-2 and Southampton beat Bradford City 1-0 while Manchester United was held to a 1-1 draw by Wolverhampton.

Southampton's triumph ended Bradford City's dreams of becoming the first Fourth Division side to reach the cup semi-finals.

Queen's Park Rangers took over the league lead by beating Coventry 4-1 while Liverpool lost a chance to stay with them by dropping 2-0 to Middlesbrough.

In the Scottish F.A. Cup quarter-finals, Glasgow Rangers ended the upset run of Queen of the South by hammering them 5-0 while Dumbarton defeated Kilmarnock 2-1. Motherwell and Hibernian drew 2-2, as did Montrose and hearts.

Hearts and Montrose replayed last night (Tuesday) while Hibernian and Motherwell play their return match tonight.

Results, scorers from U.K.

ENGLISH FA CUP: Quarter-Finals: Derby County 4, Newcastle United 2; Manchester United 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1. (Replay at Wolverhampton Mrch 9); Bradford City 0, Southampton 1: Sunderland D. Crystal Palace 1.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE: Aston Villa 0, Ipswich 0; Leicester 1, Everton 0; Liverpool 0, Middleborough 2; Manchester City 4, Sheffield United 0; Queens Park Rangers 4, Coventry 1; West Ham 1, Birmingham 2; Norwich 3; Spurs 1 (from April 20); Stoke City 4, Burnley 1.

Arsenal v Newcastle United. Norwich v Manchester United. Wolver v Tottenham all postponed (Leeds United played Derby County on Mar 2 and drew 1-1).

DIVISION TWO: Blackburn 1, Bristol 2; Bristol C. 3, Luton 0; Carlisle 1; Nottingham Forest 1; Fulham 0, Portsmouth 1; Hull 2, Exford 0; Oldham 1, Orient 1; Plymouth 0, Chelsea 3; Blackpool 1, Bolton 1; Notts County 0, West Brom 2.

Southampton v Charlton and Sunderland v York City both postponed.

DIVISION THREE: Brighton 5, Peterborough 0; Bury 1, Grimsby 1; Chester 1, Shrewsbury 0; Chesterfield 1, Cardiff 1; Gillingham 1, Aldershot 1; Mansfield 0, Wrexham 0; Rotherham 1, Port Vale 2; Sheff. Wed. 2, Walsall 1; Swindon 0, Southend 0.

Colchester v Millwall, Hereford v Preston both postponed because of players suffering from influenza; Crystal Palace v Halifax Town postponed.

DIVISION FOUR: Cambridge 0, Bournemouth 1; Hartlepool 1, Huddersfield 1; Lincoln 2, Crewe 0; Reading 0, Doncaster 1; Scunthorpe 3, Brentford 1; Tranmere 0, Richdale 1; Watford;, Northampton 1.

Darlington v Bradford City postponed.

Friendly: Halifax Town 2, Orgytelt (Sweden) 0.

Football League Division Four matches were:

Friday Games: Newport 0, Torquay 2; Southport 2, Workington 1; Swansea 3, Barnsley 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Burton 1 Telford 0; Grantham 1, Stourbridge 1; Waymouth 0, Dunstable 0; Dover v Yeovil (postponed).

NORTHERM PREMIER LEAGUE: Goole 2, Macclesfield 1; Northwich 0, Great Harwood 0.

SCOTTISH CUP: Quarter-Finals: Queens of the South 0, Rangers 5; Montrose 2, Hearts 2; Motherwell 2, Hibernion 2; Dumbarton 2, Kilmarnock 1.

SCOTTISH SPRING CUP: First Round: Airdrieonians 2, Bechin City 1; Alloa 3, Falkirk 1; Clyde 1, Clydebank 3; Cowdenbeath 2, Hamilton 0; East Stirling 1, Morton 2; Meadowbank 0, St Mirren 4; Queens Park 1, Dunfermline 1; Stenhousemuir 0, Arbroath 2; Stranraer 1, East Fife 0; Forfar Athletic 0, Partick Thistle 1.

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO: Stirling Albion 0, Raith Rovers 1.

NORTHERN IRISH: Ards 1, Linfield 3; Coleraine 4, Ballymena United 2; Crusaders 1, Bangor 0; Glenavon 3, Distillery 1; Glentoran 4, Cliftonville 1; Larne 0, Portadown 1.

League scores in English football:

DIVISION ONE:
26—Alan Gowling (Newcastle).
25—Ted MacDougall (Norwich).
21—Dennis Tuert (Manchester City).
20—John Duncan (Tottenham).
19—Charlie George (Derby).

DIVISION TWO:
24—Derek Hales (Charlton).
20—Mick Channon (Southampton).
17—Les Bradd (Notts County).
16—Paul Cheesley (Bristol City).

THIRD DIVISION
26—Ian Buckley (Walsall).
24—Dixie McNeil (Hereford).
3—Peter Silvester (Southend), Fred Binney (Brighton).

FOURTH DIVISION:
27—Ronnie Moore (Tranmere).
26—Brendan O'Callaghan (Doncaster).
23—John Ward (Lincoln).
22—Mike Kitchen (Doncaster).

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World scores

GREECE

Aek 1, Olympiakos 1, Apollon 0, Paok 1, Atromitos 0, Panionios 0, Yannina 2, Panathinaikos 1, Ethnikos 2, Kastoria 0, Heraclis 0, Panachaiki 0, Panserraikos 0, Panaitolikos 0, Pierikos 1, Aris 3.

ITALY

Cagliari 1, Napoli 1, Cesena 3, Ascoli 1, Como 0, Perugia 0, Fiorentina 1, Bologna 2, Lazio 1, Juventus 2, A.C. Milan 1, Roma 0, Torino 2, Sampdoria 0, Verona 1, Inter Milan 1.

YUGOSLAVIA

Vardar 2, Sarajevo 2, Sloboda 1, OFK Belgrade 0, Hajduk 0, Voyvodina 0, Celik1, Velez 1, Radnicki Kragujvac 1, Buducnost 1, Borac 0, Olimpija 0, Partizan 3, Dinamo 0, Red Star 2, Rijeka 1, Zeleznicar 0, Radnickinis 1.

WEST GERMANY

Hertha BSC Berlin 2, Fortuna Duesseldor 2, Hamburger SV 2, 1 FC Cologne 1, Eintracht Brunswick 1, Bayer Uerdingen 0, Karlsruher SC 2, Werder Bremen 0, VFL Bochum 2, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0, Bayern Munich 3, Schalke 04 2, Rotweiss Essen 1, Hannover 96, 0 Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Kickerr Offenbach 0, MSV Duisburg 1, 1. FC Kaiserslautern 2.

HOLLAND

Feyenoord 3, FC Twente 0, FC Utrecht 1, Ajax 1, Graafschap 1, Excelsiro 0, PSV 2, FC Den Haag o, Amsterdam 0, Telstar 0, AZ '67 2, Sparta 0, Roda JC 3, NAC Breda 0, Go ahead eagles 2, Eindhoven 1, NEC 1, MVV, 0.

Table after 22 matches:
1. PSV 33 points (60-21)
2. Ajax 33 (48-23)
3. Feyenoord 33 (48-25)
4. FC Twente 32 (40-17)

POLAND

Tychy 1, Gornik 1, Ruch 1, Szombierki 1, Stal RZ. 0, Slask 2, Row 1, Wisla 3, Stal M. 2, Zaglebie 0, Polonia 2, Legia 0, Lech 0, Pogon 4, Widzew 3, LKS 0.

EAST GERMANY

BFC Dynamo Berlin 4, FC Magdeburg 0, Energie Cottbus 1, Chemie Leipzig 1, FC Vorwaerts Frankfurt/oder 2, Dunamo Dresden 3, Sachsenring Zwickau 1, Wismut Aue 2, FC Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0, FC Karl-Narx-Stadt 0, FC Lok Leipzig 3, HFC Chemie Halle 1, Stahl Riesa 3, FC carl zeiss Jena 4.

Dynamo Dresden lead the league table with 29 points, followed by Dynamo Berlin, Magdeburg, Carl Zeiss Jena and Lok Leipzig all with 24.

HUNGARY

Ferencvaros 4, Tatabanya 1, Ujpest Dozsa 4, Kaposvar 0, Zalaegerszeg 1, Honved 0, Diosgyor 1, Vasas 0, Bekescsaba 2, Csepel 1, Videoton 3, Haladas 0, Raba Eto 0, MTK VM 0, Szeged 1, Salgotarjan 1.

Ferencvaros lead the table with 27 points followed by Ujpest Dozsa with 24 and Videoton with 23.

TURKEY

Fenerbahce 3, Besiktas 0, Altay 1, Galatasaray 3, Eskisehirspor 2, Trabonzonspor 0, Adana Demirspor 2, BA Ikesirspor 0, Orduspor 2, Ankaragucu 0, Boluspor 2, Giresunspor 1, Bursaspr 0, Adanaspor 1, Zongul Akspor 2, Goztepe 0.

CZECHOLSLOVAKIA

Lokomotiva Kosice 4, Slavia Prague 1, Jednota Trencin 0, Banik Ostrava 0, Bohemians Prague 2, Spartak Trnava 0, Skoda Pizen 2, VSS Kosice 1, Sklounion Teplice 1, Zbrojovka Vrno 0, ZVEL Zilina 1, Liaz Jablonec 1, Inter Bratislava 1, Dukla Prague 0, TZ Trinec 1, Slovan Bratislava 0.

AUSTRIA

Austria Klagenfurt 0, SW Innsbruck 1, Austria WAC 3, Sturm Graz 1, Linzer Ask 2, Voest Linz 0, Grazer AK 2, Admira Wacker 0, Rapid 0, Austria Salzburg 1.

Austria WAC leads the table with 29 points.

FRANCE

Bordeaux 1, Nice 2, Schaux 3, Troyes 2, Nimes 2, Valenciennes 0, Rheimes 4, St. Die 2, Lyons 1, Brest 2, Angers 4, Chaumont 0, Toulouse 0, Laval 0, Nancy 3, Hagnenau 0.

Results of French ninth round second leg cup matches. (First leg results in brackets)

Metz 0, Rennes 0 (2-0).
Marseilles 2, Auxerro 0 (0-0)
Bordeaux 1, Nice 2, (0-1)
Sochaux 3, Troyes 2 (1-1)
Nimes 2, Valenciennes 0, (0-3)
Rheims 4, St Die 2, (3-0)
Lyons 1, Brest 2, (3-0)
Angers 4, Chamont 0 (1-3)
Toulouse 0, Laval 0 (1-5)
Nancy 3, Hagenau 0 (2-0)

Metz, Marseillies, Nice Schaux, Valenciennes, Rheims, Lyons, Angers, Laval and Nancy qualified for tenth round.

Bastia 3, Vauban Strasbourg 1, (2-2)
Lille 4, En Avant Guingamp 0 (2-1)
Dunkirk 2, A Paillade Montpellier 1, (3-2)
Sete 3, Meaux 0, (2-0)
Paris Saint Germain 1, Lens 1, (3-0)

Bastia, Lille, Dunkirk, Sete, and Paris Saint Germain qualified for the 10th round.

Result of ninth round, first leg match: Thonon 1, Beziers 2.

RUMANIA

Olimpia FC 2, Rapid 0, Cluj-Napoca Universitatea 0, Student Sport 1, Arad UT 2, Arges FC 0, TG Mures ASA 2, Petroseni Jiult 3, Timisoara Politehnica 3, Bacau SC 1, Jassy Politehnica 3, Bacau SC 1, Jassy Politehnica 1, Cxalova Universitatea 1, Constanta FC 0, Bihor FC 1, Dinamo 4, Cluj Napoca CFR 2, Steaua 3, Resuta CSM 1.

Steaua lead the table with 26 points followed by Dinamo with 25 and Jassy Politehnica with 20.

BULGARIA

Akademik 0, Beroe 1, Cherno more 1, Lokomotiv (Sofia)0, Botev 3, Slaviya 0, Caka Septiemvriisko Znamo 5, Spartak 0, Lokomotiv (Plovdiv) 0, Trakiya 0, Sliven 0, Dounvay 1, Minyor 0, Pirin 0, Levski Spartak 2, ZSK Spartak 0.

Levski Spartak lead the table with 24 points followed by Caka Septemvriisko Znamo with 23 and Akademik, Trakiya and Lokomotiv (Plovdiv) with 19 points each.

SWITZERLAND

Basle 5, Winterthur 1, La Chaux-DE-Fonds 1, Chenois 1, St Gallen 2, Lugano 2, Servette 2, Grasshoppers 0, Sion 2, Bienne 0, Young Boys 3, Lausanne 0, Zurich 2, Neuchatel Xamax 2.

BELGIUM

Charleroi 1, Standard Liege 2; Beerschot 0, Beveren 0; FC Malinois 3, Waregem 0; RWD Molenbeek 0, CS Bruges 0; FC Liegeois 2, Lierse 2; Antwerp 0, AS Ostend 1; Lokeren 2, Anderlecht 0; FC Brugeois 3, Racing Malines 2; Beringen 0, Berchem 3.

Under 23 squad

The Victorian under 23 squad that will play against Ballarat in Ballarat on March 28 (see page 15) is:

Peter Laumets (Makedonia), **Lou Tsiganis, Giovanni Batticciotto, Arthur Xanthopoulos, Christ Kalafatides, John Daperis, Duncan Cummings** (Hellas); **Jim Tansey** (Slavia), **Keith Adams** (Ringwood Wilhelmina); **Bob Adams** (Frankston), **Bruno Sabidussi** (Juventus), **Bruce Roberts** (Hakoah), **Gary Cole** (Alexander), **Graham French** (Mooroolbark), **Mendo Ristovski** (J.U.S.T.); and **Tom Cumming** (Sunshine).

Coach is **Bobby McLachlan** of Sunshine City.

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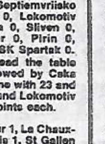

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ALSTON OK FOR '78 CUP

Adrian Alston's English club Cardiff City has told the ASF it will release him to play for Australia in World Cup matches.

Alston was born in England and played there until emigrating to Sydney to play for St George.

He was one of the stars of Australia's World Cup team in West Germany in 1974 and it was as a result of his form there that he was offered a professional contract with Luton Town in England.

Late last year Luton transferred him to Cardiff where he has been scoring regularly.

It appears that an Englishman playing in England will represent Australia in the World Cup.

It's a strange situation but it's good news for the Socceroos, for Alston's talents will be extremely valuable.

Adrian Alston

For sale?

Which Sydney club will snare John Nyskohus?

The little South Australian striker announced last week he is keen to leave his Adelaide club Lions to move to Sydney.

Nyskohus (pictured) came on as a substitute for Australia in its 3-1 win over New Zealand at Olympic Park, Melbourne, last week.

Another South Australian, **Todd Clarke**, has preceded Nyskohus to Sydney, joining Hakoah for $9000.

Ruch Chorzow may visit us

By STEPHEN KALUS

Polish First division clubs Ruch Chorzow and RTS Widzew of Lodz want to visit Australia at the end of the year.

VSF tours organiser **Mr Michael Weinstein** has already been approached by the Polish Consul, **Mr Tadeusz Gomula** who is in constant touch with the Polish Football Association (PZPN).

There is a possibility that the tour may be sponsored by the Polish firm Contal.

Ruch won the Polish championship last season.

RTS Widzew, a newcomer to the Polish national league, has done well in the first half of the 1975-76 season, occupying sixth place — very much ahead of local rival LKS, also of Lodz.

FANCY FIJI?

Victorian Industrial League club Standard AST plans a trip to Fiji in October. Trouble is, it hasn't got enough players.

Standard, which won the League and Black Douglas Cup last year, is trying to arrange two matches in Fiji against the best available opposition.

The club already has bookings from 32 people who want to make the trip, but there aren't enough players among them for a full team, as some of the regular players can't make the trip due to other commitments.

So, Standard invites any player interested in a trip to Fiji to come along. They'll have to pay of course, but only discount prices.

The person to ring is the tour organiser, **Barry Horsfall** on 95 7333. Barry, who was with George Cross and Melbourne, was Standard's top scorer last year.

Other Standard players include **Frank Schwartz**, former captain of Lions, **Ken Waugh**, ex-Hakoah and **Guenter Ganglmair**, ex-Autria.

Barry Horsfall

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Makedonia gets Carlo Sabidussi

Preston Makedonia has signed midfield player Carlo Sabidussi from Hakoah.

No transfer fee was involved.

Hakoah got Sabidussi from Juventus last year.

His brother Bruno still plays for Juventus.

Bruno and Carlo had a short trial with Portuguese club Sporting Lisbon two years ago.

Their father, Giuseppe, playe for Australia as full back.

Soccer day at Kew

There will be a gala soccer day at Victoria Park No. 2 oval in High Street, Kew on Sunday.

Kew juniors will play at 2 p.m. and Park Rangers will clash with Brighton at 3 p.m.

Buying Jewellery? Visit Konstantine's of Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. See page 4.

KAKO PRIDOBITI PUBLIKU ZA NOGOMET

ZIKA NIKOLIC

Nekoliko blistavih uspeha koje je postigao australski nogomet zadnjih nekoliko godina, učinili su mnogo za podizanje našeg ugleda u svetu.

Ali to svetsko priznanje nije na žalost izmenilo nezavidan položaj, koji ima nogomet u Australiji.

Dakle, neko radikalno rešenje je neophodno potrebno. U tome se slažu svi ljubitelji nogometa, ali ipak tapkaju u mestu zbog različitih i oprečnih predloga i shvatanja o uredjenju administracije i klubova.

Dok su rodjeni Australci malo ili nimalo zainteresovani za nogomet, dotle se vodi tihi rat izmedju britanskih i evropskih klubova i funkcionera.

Kad god mogu, britanski useljenici ističu etnička imena kao uzrok opadanja interesa za nogomet. Uz to se do maksimuma koristi svaki negativan dogadjaj, (od kojih nije slobodan ni jedan sport) da bi se etnička imena što više ocrnila i optužila..

Nije potrebno da naglašavamo koliko je ovakvo shvatanje neopravdano i štetno za nogomet. Kad je Juventus iz Melburna izgubio svo je etničko obeležje, skoro deset hiljada Italijana je izgubilo interes za nogomet. Slično se dogodilo sa Maltezima, dok se Grci polako ali sigurno osipaju.

Nas Jugoslovene pokreću drugi motivi, ali ne možemo izbeći prirodan proces opadanja interesa za ovu igru koja hipnotiše mase u Evropi i Južnoj Americi.

Da bi Australija donekle prihvatila nogomet kao ravnopravnu sportsku igru, potrebna je daleko veća pomoć i saradnja britanskih useljenika.

Ako odbacimo predratne britanske generacije useljenika, pa se zadržimo na milion i po posleratnih Engleza i Škota došli bi do željenog rešenja nogometne krize vrlo lako. Pod uslovom da ostanu verni nogometu, čija je kolevka Engleska, pa da pristupe stvaranju klubova sa imenima koja ih sentimentalno vezuju za Ostrva i prošlost.

Medjutim, kao što znamo to Englezi i Škoti nisu uradili, izuzimajući časne izuzetke, već su se priključili bolje finansiranim sportovima.

Gubitak pionirskog duha koji je krasio vekovima stanovnike Britanskih ostrva glavni je uzrok što nogomet nije stekao širu popularnost.

Ne smemo da se saglasimo sa takvim stanjem, već moramo uputiti izazov britanskim doseljenicima da ne padaju i bojkotuju etničke klubove, već da stvaraju svoje Arsenale, Evertone, Rendžerse, Seltike i druge. U početku treba zavući ruke u džepove ili zavrnuti rukave, ali na plodove se ne bi moralo dugo čekati.

Dakle, rešenje nogometne krize je moguće ako svi doseljenici nastave da se bave i interesuju sportovima, koji su ih oduševljavali u mladosti. Nogomet bi onda sigurno za desetak godina postao nacionalna igra Australije, što bi joj stvorilo još veći ugled u medjunarodnom sportskom svetu.

Žika Nikolić

Brian Green come B & B?

Melbourne, 3 marzo

E così, ieri sera, (rispetto a quando io scrivo e non a quando 'forse', mi leggete) la nazionale «aussie» si è misurata di nuovo con i cugini-concorrenti di Nuova Zelanda e li ha battuti per tre reti ad una.

Ordinaria amministrazione l'incontro in cui i kiwis hanno messo in evidenza ciò che già si sapeva da lungo tempo: cioè che finchè una squadra gioca solo e sempre contro avversari di modesta levatura, può anche vincere sempre o quasi sempre, ma incomincia a montarsi la testa. Quindi concepibili, ma non giustificabili, le dichiarazioni dell'allenatore neozelandese prima dello scontro con l'Australia. A maggior ragione, scontata la fine da «piffero» che il buon coach ha fatto.

Quello di cui ho intenzione di interessarmi, in calce a Australia-Nuova Zelanda di martedì, 2 marzo, è un certo criterio di selezione che Brian Green sembra aver adottato nel formare la squadra. Quel criterio cioè che in Italia è stata la palla al piede della gestione Bernardini-Bearzot, fatte le debite proporzioni.

Lo stesso, per spiegarmi, che è imperniato in Italia, sui «messicani» e qui in Australia sui «guerrieri d'Australia» (come la stampa locale li definì) all'ultima coppa del

John CARUBBI

Il messicano d'Australia, di martedì è stato Attila Abony, giocatore tecnicamente dotatissimo, forse effettivamente il miglior prodotto calcistico della terra dei canguri, frombolière di spiccate virtù realizzatrici ed altro. Unico suo neo: 27enne ai «mondiali» di Germania nel 1974 e, se la matematica non è un'opinione, 31enne a quelli d'Argentina se ancora nella rosa dei convocati (il che sembra essere belle intenzioni di Green) e se l'Australia vi arriva, Corea permettendo!

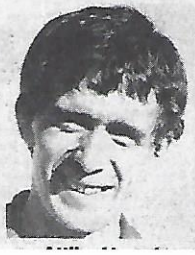
All'anima della lungimiranza! Continuando ad andare di questo passo, per costruire una nazionale di valore mondiale, quaggiù, tenendo conto del tempo sprecato a riesumare «messicani» destinati per legge di natura a scomparire dalla scena, ci vorranno secoli!

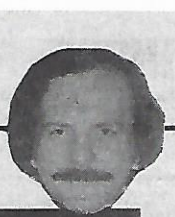
Infatti bisogna ancora considerare che oltre ad Abony, un cardine della Nazionale australiana in Argentina sembra debba quel Rooney che, incredibile settepolmoni di natura fino ad oggi, dovrà per forza di cose (a 29 anni), essere piuttosto bolso come centro campista, stantuffo, eccetera della squadra.

Così si arriverà all'assurdo di avere, per liberare una punta già spuntatella dall'età, un centrocampista di spinta che «governerà» il gioco ad un ritmo che sarà solo il ricordo del dinamismo di gioco degli anni che saranno stati!

Quindi con l'intelligenza critica di cui abbiamo avuti fin troppi saggi nelle cronache sportive victoriane, si darà addosso alle «spente» punte, tirate per i capelli (poverine) in un agone atletico quando le loro pur brillanti energie di intelletto e perizia pedatorie erano da quel dì passate a miglior vita.

Il che mi fa concludere che sono stato sempre nel vero quando ho sostenuto che in Australia mancano i manici e non le padelle!





PETER GEORGIOU of the 'Hellenic Herald'

★ "Ἔληξε τὸ θέμα Κόκκινου γιὰ τὴν Ἑλλάς! Ἀπὸ τὴν περασμένη Πέμπτη ὁ παίκτης εἶναι ἐλεύθερος νὰ παίξῃ μὲ τὸν σύλλογο ποὺ τὸν ζήτησε καὶ ὁ Σύλλογος αὐτὸς εἶναι ἡ Γιουβέντους! Τὸ ποσὸν τῆς μεταγραφῆς τοῦ παίκτη εἶναι $4,500!! Ὁ ἴδιος ὁ παίκτης δήλωσε ὅτι ἤδη ἔχει ὑπογράψει συμβόλαιο μὲ τὸν νέο σύλλογο μὲ ἱκανοποιητικοὺς ὅρους.

Καὶ ἔτσι ἔληξε τὸ σχεδὸν τηλεοπτικὸ σήριαλ «Κόκκινος καὶ Ἑλλάς», ὑπόθεση γιὰ τὴν ὁποία τουλάχιστον οἱ φίλαθλοι μποροῦν τώρα νὰ ξέρουν τὸ τέλος της. Νομίζω ὅτι ἡ κατάληξη τῆς ὑποθέσεως ἦταν ἡ καλύτερη τόσο γιὰ τὸν ποδοσφαιριστὴ ὅσο καὶ γιὰ τὴν Ἑλλάς! Ἀπὸ τὴν ἐποχὴ τῆς τιμωρίας του καὶ τὶς διαμάχες μὲ τὸν πρόεδρο τοῦ συλλόγου κ. Παπασάββα σχετικὰ μὲ τὸ οἰκονομικὸ θέμα, τὸ χάσμα μεταξὺ τῶν σχέσεων τῶν δύο, ὅλο καὶ μεγάλωνε!! Οὐδέποτε ὁ παίκτης ἦταν εὐχαριστημένος μὲ τὶς ἀποδοχές του, σύμφωνα μὲ τὶς δηλώσεις τοῦ προέδρου καὶ ὁ σύλλογος δὲν ἦταν εὐχαριστημένος μὲ τὴν ἀπόδοση τοῦ παίκτη ὁ ὁποῖος ἐμφανίσθηκε στὸ Ἄμπολ Κὰπ μόνο σὲ δύο παιγνίδια καὶ αὐτὰ ὡς ἀναπληρωματικός!

Φυσικὰ καὶ ὁ ἴδιος ὁ παίκτης ἀνέπνευσε ὕστερα ἀπὸ τὴν ἀπόφαση τοῦ συμβουλίου νὰ τὸν παραχωρήσῃ στὴν Γιουβέντους. Ἔχει ὑπ' ὄψιν του ὅτι τοῦ ἔχουν μείνει λίγα χρόνια γιὰ ποδόσφαιρο 1ης κλάσεως καὶ θὰ θέλῃ νὰ τὰ περάσῃ στὸν ἀγωνιστικὸ χῶρο καὶ ὄχι στὸν πάγκο τῶν ἀναπληρωματικῶν!!

Στὴν Γιουβέντους μπορεῖ νὰ δημιουργήσῃ μιὰ δεύτερη καρριέρα καὶ ὅταν ἔλθῃ ἡ ἡμέρα νὰ ἀποσυρθῇ νὰ τὸν θυμοῦνται οἱ φίλαθλοι σὰν ἕναν ἄσσο καὶ ὄχι σὰν παραχοποιὸ καὶ ξωφλημένο!!

Ὅπωσδήποτε εἶναι ἀπώλεια γιὰ τοὺς φιλάθλους τῆς Ἑλλάς ἡ μεταγραφή του, ἀλλὰ δὲν εἶναι καὶ ἀπώλεια γιὰ τὸ ποδόσφαιρο τῆς Βικτωρίας. Ὁ παίκτης δὲν μπορεῖ νὰ χρησιμοποιηθῇ στὸ Ἄμπολ Κὰπ ἀπὸ τὴν Γιουβέντους σύμφωνα μὲ τοὺς κανονισμοὺς τῆς διοργανώσεως ἀλλὰ ὁπωσδήποτε θὰ εἶναι βασικὸς παίκτης τῆς Ἰταλικῆς ὁμάδος στὸ πρωτάθλημα.

Ὅπως τονίσαμε παραπάνω, μιὰ δεύτερη καρριέρα ἀρχίζει ὁ Κόκκινος στὴν Γιουβέντους! Τὸ ἐπαγγελματικό του συμβόλαιο εἶναι ἱκανοποιητικό, τὸ σωματεῖο εἶναι ἕνα ἀπὸ τὰ «μεγάλα» τῆς Βικτωρίας καὶ γνωρίζει ὅλους τοὺς ποδοσφαιριστάς του. Τὸ ἄν θὰ ἱκανοποιήσῃ ποδοσφαιρικὰ στὴν δεύτερη καρριέρα του, ἐξαρτᾶται μόνον ἀπὸ τὸν ἴδιον!!!

Π. ΓΕΩΡΓΙΟΥ.

Martin leads the ladies

The Victorian Women's Soccer Association has appointed Albert Martin, a former Greensborough player, as its honorary State coach.

Martin, 41, also played in England in the Borough Combination, the District League and the Wednesday League.

In 1975 he started coaching the Greensborough Ladies' team which won all its matches, taking off five trophies in all ... the League Cup, championship cup, premiership trophy and shield and the Werribee Cup.

Standings for series being played at Footscray YMCA, as of February 29:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Greensborough	5	0	2	50	10	10
SS-Ajax	4	2	1	25	10	10
Doveton	4	0	3	22	19	8
Melton	3	0	4	20	34	6
Frankston	2	1	4	19	44	5
Pegasus	1	1	5	15	34	3

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PETER SWEENEY looks at the Victorian Metropolitan and Provisional Leagues.

BALLARAT MEETS STATE U.23's

The Ballarat club has a big weekend of soccer lined up for Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28.

The Victorian under 23 side will travel to Ballarat on March 27 to play against Ballarat's top XI and on the Sunday junior sides from the Waverley club will visit Ballarat.

Ballarat has been strengthened by the addition of two players from neighboring club Redan.

Peter Brightley and **Peter Smith** will play for the club in 1976.

Coach **Les Ives**, who is serving his second term and assistant **Ashley Whitehead**, will be relying on some of last season's junior players to bolster the side.

Rovetto Cup

The inaugural Tony Rovetto Cup — completed on Sunday — was a tribute to the supporters and official of Provisional League club Werribee.

Mr Tony Rovetto, 25, a committeeman at Werribee, was killed in an accident at work last year.

His death shocked the club so much that members decided to raise enough money to organise a competition in his honor.

Six clubs — Werribee, Thomastown, Central Altona, Williamstown, Croxton and North Sunshine — played this year.

Supporters raised $600 from the appeal, with $400 being spent on a perpetual trophy and $200 going to the cup winner.

The cup games were played under the club's floodlights.

Club secretary **Mr J. Siccita** said: "The response to the night games was outstanding. You had to be there to believe it."

Werribee will be a top contender for promotion this season, as it has gained clearances for two star forwards — **Billy Costello** of Geelong City and **Gus Norris** of Sunshine City.

New coach **Bobby Molloy**, formerly of Croatia, expects a good year.

Who'll get Buchanan?

The transfer saga over Frankston City's brilliant Billy Buchanan continues.

Hakoah may have dropped out of the bidding for Buchanan, but George Cross Courage and Juventus are now interested.

George Cross could be the club to win Buchanan.

It seems most interested in Buchanan, as committeemen watched him play in the second round of the Dockerty Cup against Box Hill on Saturday.

A week earlier Buchanan played for George Cross in the Port Melbourne Sunday summer shield but was injured after only 10 minutes' play.

A decision is expected to be made this week on whether George Cross will make Frankston an offer for Buchanan.

Also on the transfer list at Frankston City is former Victorian and Footscray JUST player **Marjan Lopatic.**

Lopatic, about 30. has shifted to Melton and a travelling proposition is impractical.

Any clubs interested in tact Frankston City officials.

Meanwhile, Frankston City is still looking for a coach for the 1976 season.

Veteran player **David High** was appointed at the start of the year but has since stood down because he and the club couldn't reach an agreement on policies.

He is expected to play with the club again.

David High during his days with Slavia, holds aloft the 1965 Dockerty Cup.

Top Greek for Wests

Western Suburbs is living up to the promise it showed earlier in the year.

Under the guidance of new coach **George Maikousis**, Western Suburbs will be a threat to all first division clubs this year.

The side won its opening Cumberland Cup match by downing Geelong 3-2.

It will be further strengthened later this month with the arrival of Greek second division player Iliaf Gianakos.

Gianakos, a utility forward, will add depth to the side.

Western Suburbs appears likely to be a grand finalist in the annual Sunday tournament run by the Port Melbourne club and its opponent for the $500 first prize seems certain to be the host club.

George Maikousis, coach of Wests

Fodor is coach

Joe Fodor will coach leading Provisional League club Morwell Falcons this season.

Fodor has coached State League teams in Adelaide and Melbourne.

He formerly was in charge of Adelaide clubs Budapest and Juventus, and after crossing to Melbourne he coached Footscray JUST.

He was also State coach of South Australia.

Fodor's understudy will be veteran Latrobe Valley League competitor, **Fred Kaminska.**

Kaminska played with Morwell Falcons where he was team captain for four years.

Morwell Falcons — winner of its section for the past two years — is in sparkling pre-season form.

The club trounced a combined Latrobe Valley League side 7-2 in a practice game recently.

Its main aim this year is to gain entry into the fourth division of the Metropolitan League.

The club will field an under 20 side as well as its senior teams.

Its home reserve will be in Keegan Street but the club plans to have a new home within three years.

A multi-sports complex is planned for the Krinigan Road area.

It will involve football and soccer grounds and the soccer club hopes to have clubrooms and a social set up.

The backbone of the Morwell Falcons club this year is president **Don Di Fabrizio** and secretary **Charlie Zammit.**

These two officials have been tireless workers for the club for many years.

This year's senior fund raising officer is **Frank Costabile.**

Morwell Falcons would like to play any Melbourne club in a friendly game before the start of the new season.

Morwell's committee has invited any club down for a match, which can be run as a family day.

Clubs interested in the offer can telephone **Don Di Fabrizio** on 34 4533, 34 4361 or **Henry Ritcher** on 34 3653.

Flying high

Doveton, the club with probably the best promotion record of any side in Victorian soccer, is again on the way up.

The club won promotion to second division this year after winning last year's third division championship.

And the way Doveton has been shaping in pre-season games it will be a First Division Metropolitan team in 1977.

It has played four games, scored 18 goals and had only two scored against it.

Doveton walloped first division side Waverley City 6-2, with striker **Ian Sweeney** having a field day and finishing with four goals.

Doveton then beat Latrobe Valley League club Monash was next to step in front of the firing line and was beaten 6-0.

Then, in last week's Cumberland Cup knockout game, Sandringham was downed 3-0.

New coach **Russell Murray**, formerly of Nunawading, has a 100 per cent record with the club since joining Doveton, as the senior and reserve XI's have yet to be beaten.

Centre back **Ian Young** has switched to nearby Dandenong which competes in the same division.

Doveton's junior sides will be coached by senior players this season. Doveton has come from District League to second division in six years.

Haupt to Chelsea

Hakoah has cleared forward Michael Haupt back to Chelsea.

Haupt switched to Hakoah early last year.

Melrose for United

Former Sunshine City and Albion Rovers player Jim Melrose has been appointed coach of District League club North Melbourne United.

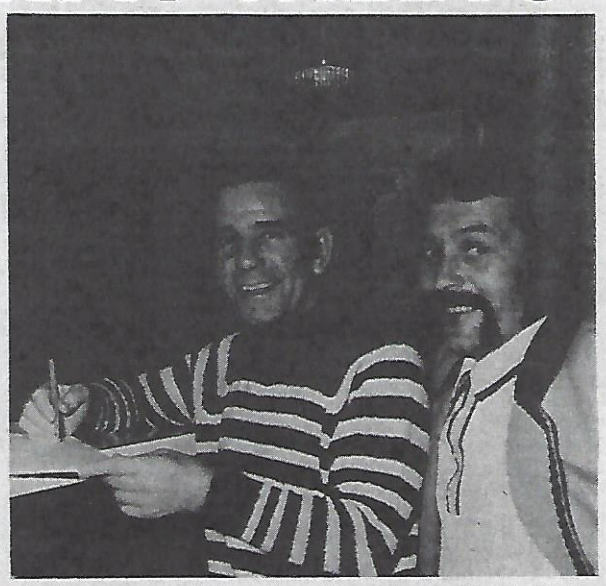
Jim is the third member of the Melrose family to join North Melbourne. His brothers Robert and Daniel are already with the club.

Players wanted

The Nunawading United Social and Soccer Club is on the lookout for players to compete in the District League on Sundays this year.

Training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the club's reserve at the corner of Davey Lane and Jolimont Road.

Further details can be obtained by phoning **Peter Ballasone** on 561 1366 or **Bill Yeadon** on 436 1303.



Albion Rovers' publicity officer Tony Kennedy (right) who has signed up almost every international celebrity to visit Melbourne as honorary members of the club, adds the well-known name of British comedian Norman Wisdom (left).

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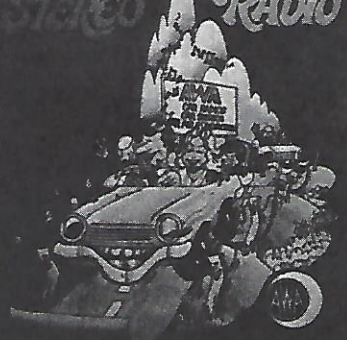
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